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## Dow Surpasses 19,000 as Record-Setting Drive Continues

Trader Peter Tuchman wears his "Dow 19,000" cap on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow Jones industrial average surpassed 19,000 for the first time Tuesday as a post-election rally drove indexes further into record territory.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

### MARLEY JAY

#### AP Markets Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The Dow Jones industrial average surpassed 19,000 for the first time Tuesday as a post-election rally drove indexes further into record territory. Discount store chains made large gains, but health care companies tumbled. Stocks opened solidly high-

er after setting records on Monday. They gave up some of their gains around midday but reached new highs late in the afternoon. Health care stocks slumped after weak results from medical device company Medtronic. Retailers soared after strong earnings from Dollar Tree and Burlington Stores.

"The consumer in general is far more budget-conscious than they were in previous generations," Ken Perkins, president of research firm Retail Metrics, said of discount chains. The Dow picked up 67.18 points, or 0.4 percent, to 19,023.87. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 4.76 points, or 0.2 percent,

to 2,202.94. The Nasdaq composite gained 17.49 points, or 0.3 percent, to 5,386.35. The Russell 2000 index, which tracks smaller companies, continued to set records as it traded higher for the 13th day in a row. It jumped 0.9 percent. The Dow has closed at a record high six times in the

two weeks since the presidential election, but trading volume has fallen in recent days. U.S. trading will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving and markets will close early on Friday. Shoppers continued to flock to discount stores.

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## Trump wants Farage to represent UK in US but May says no

**GREGORY KATZ**  
Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Donald Trump has a plan for making the vaunted relationship between Britain and the U.S. even more special: Make the impish acting leader of the UK Independence Party, Nigel Farage, British ambassador in Washington. Prime Minister Theresa May has another idea — leave British appointments to the government, thank you very much. Her representatives Tuesday quickly shot down Trump's extraordinarily undiplomatic initiative, which was expressed in a tweet the night before by the U.S. president-elect.

"Many people would like to see @Nigel\_Farage represent Great Britain as their Ambassador to the United States. He would do a great job!" Trump said.

But the Farage farago suggests that Trump and the British prime minister aren't off to a warm start, and that, in the Trump era, Farage will be a force to be reckoned with.

Trump's unusual effort to pressure the British government into naming Farage to what is widely viewed as its most prestigious diplomatic post focused new attention on the unorthodox UKIP figure who played a key role in convincing British voters to leave the European Union in the June referendum.

Foreign Minister Boris Johnson and it's time that Downing Street did too," Farage said on the pro-Trump Breitbart

Taking an apparent swipe at the tousle-haired Johnson, who in the past called

Farage returned the favor by campaigning for Trump in Mississippi, and he became the first foreign politician invited to Trump Tower after Trump's victory over Hillary Clinton.

The two wealthy men, both with entrepreneurial backgrounds, share an anti-establishment mentality.

By contrast, Trump doesn't seem anxious to develop a personal relationship with May. She was the tenth foreign leader he spoke to after his victory, and he casually asked her to let him know if she was traveling to the United States — far short of a formal invitation to the White House.

Jacob Parakilas, assistant head of the U.S. and Americas Program at the Chatham House think tank, said Trump's actions suggests problems ahead in his dealings with May.

"I think this is an indication that the relationship between Trump and Prime Minister May is going to be off to a rocky start," he said, suggesting that Farage might well work closely with Trump even without British government backing.

Parakilas said Trump's comments show a willingness to flout the conventions of international diplomacy.

"This type of public intervention is really unprecedented in modern American history," he said. □



**U.K. Independence Party leader Nigel Farage smiles as he arrives at Trump Tower, in New York. Farage, the interim leader of the U.K. Independence Party, says he is "flattered" by Donald Trump's suggestion that he become Britain's ambassador to the United States. Farage said Tuesday he would do anything possible to help relations between the two countries even as Prime Minister Theresa May's office said Britain already has an ambassador in place in Washington.**

**(AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)**

son and others said there was no way Farage would be chosen — and some in Parliament had a few laughs at the prospect — prompting a wounded Farage to accuse May and her Cabinet of living in the past and slowing down the Brexit process. He said their personal dislike for him was hurting Britain.

"The world has changed

website. Farage's words had a hard edge. He said "a new order" is taking over in Washington, while in Britain the top players remain the same. He complained that politicians who had favored keeping Britain inside the EU bloc — a position favored by May before the referendum — remain in charge of U.K. policies.

Trump "out of his mind," Farage said politicians who once denounced Trump "now pretend" to be his friend.

There is little question that Trump sees Farage as a potential friend. Trump endorsed the Brexit movement even as it was opposed by President Barack Obama and other global leaders.

### At Press Time:

## Colombia, FARC plan next move as Uribe rejects peace deal

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Associated Press

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)** — Colombian officials met Tuesday with leftist rebels to plan their next move after former President Alvaro Uribe refused to support a modified peace deal that the government hopes to sign soon.

The gathering at a Roman Catholic retreat in Bogota followed a seven-hour meeting Monday night in which government negotiators tried to persuade Uribe and other skeptics to support the accord that would put an end to a half-

century of fighting with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

The FARC and government negotiators introduced some 50-plus changes to the original accord that was narrowly rejected by voters in a referendum last month.

Uribe, a still-popular figure who has led opposition to the peace deal, said Tuesday that the changes were cosmetic. He said that if implemented, the accord represented a risk for Colombia's democracy because it didn't go far enough in punishing rebels

who committed atrocities. He requested a meeting with the FARC leadership to discuss his concerns, an encounter that seemed unlikely.

"Uribe governed badly, corrupted and bled Colombia during eight years and never wanted peace. He wanted to defeat the FARC, but he couldn't," FARC commander Pablo Catatumbo, one of the rebel commanders in Bogota, wrote on his Twitter account.

President Juan Manuel Santos has made clear there is no more room for

negotiation. He has vowed to present the modified accord to congress for approval over the objections of Uribe, who wants to submit the changes to another referendum. Uribe has expressed confidence that Colombians would reject the pact again.

The standoff comes amid concerns that a delicate cease-fire could unravel unless implementation begins soon. Last week, two suspected FARC fighters were killed in combat with security forces in a confusing incident now being reviewed by United Nations

monitors.

The FARC are also outraged over the killing of several land reform activists and human rights defenders, three over the past weekend alone.

Santos on Tuesday convened a meeting with top officials and the U.N. human rights envoy in Colombia to discuss the killings.

The recent murders "are palpable, dramatic evidence of the risks and uncertainty that exists around the implementation of the peace accord," Santos said after the meeting. □

## Trump begins backing off campaign vows on Clinton, warming

JONATHAN LEMIRE

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Two weeks after his election victory, President-elect Donald Trump began backing off campaign promises Tuesday, including his hard line on climate change and his vow to jail "Crooked Hillary" Clinton that had brought thunderous "Lock her up" chants at his rallies. A top adviser said Trump is now focused on matters that are essential in setting up his administration, not on comments he made during the heat of the campaign. After a year blasting The New York Times, Trump submitted to an interview with reporters and editors at the Times office. Among the topics covered, he:

— Pushed back against questions about conflicts that could arise due to a lack of separation between his government post and his many businesses, declaring that "the law's totally on my side, the president can't have a conflict of interest."

— Took his strongest stance yet against the "alt-right," a term often used as code for the white supremacist movement. Though members are celebrating his victory, he said, "It's not a group I want to energize. And if they are energized, I want to look into it and find out why."

— Spoke positively not only of fellow Republicans in Congress — "Right now they are in love with me" — but also of President Barack Obama, who he said is "looking to do absolutely the right thing for the country in terms of transition." Trump, who left late Tuesday to spend Thanksgiving at his estate in Florida, also continued to work to populate his incoming administration, tweeting that he was "seriously considering" former GOP presidential rival Ben Carson to head the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Adviser Kellyanne Conway said earlier on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" that Trump is "thinking of many different things as he prepares to become the president of the United States, and



President-elect Donald Trump, left, and New York Times Publisher Arthur Sulzberger Jr., right, appear during a meeting with editors and reporters at The New York Times building, Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016 in New York.

(Hiroko Masuike/The New York Times via AP)

things that sound like the campaign aren't among them."

But some of his conservative supporters strongly disagreed.

As for global warming, Trump has repeatedly questioned the idea, suggesting at times that it is a hoax perpetrated by the Chinese to hurt U.S. manufacturers with environmental regulations.

But on Tuesday, he said he would "keep an open mind" about pulling the United States out of the landmark, multi-national Paris Agreement on climate change — he'd said in the campaign he would yank the U.S. out — and he allowed, "I think there is some connectivity" between human activity and climate changes.

There have been concerns raised about conflicts of interest since many of the businesses are subject to government actions in the U.S. and abroad. But he said he would be "passing" control over to his grown children, although "in theory I could run my business perfectly and then run the country perfectly. There's never been a case like this."

Earlier Tuesday, it was confirmed that Trump's charity had admitted it violated IRS regulations barring it from using its money or assets to

benefit Trump, his family, his companies or substantial contributors to the foundation.

According to a 2015 tax return posted on the nonprofit monitoring website GuideStar, the Donald J. Trump Foundation acknowledged that it used money or assets in violation of the regulations during 2015 and in prior years. The tax filing, first reported Tuesday by The Washington Post, didn't provide details.

On another topic, the president-elect, who has been criticized for being slow to denounce racist acts done in his name, said, "I disavow and condemn" a recent "alt-right" conference in Washington where some attendees raised their arms in a Hitler-like salute while chanting "Heil Trump." □

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# School bus driver arrested as city mourns 5 children



A school bus is carried away Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016, in Chattanooga, Tenn., from the site where it crashed on Monday. The bus driver, Johnthony Walker, 24, has been arrested on charges including vehicular homicide, reckless driving and reckless endangerment. The crash killed at least five elementary school students.

(AP Photo/Mark Humphrey)

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Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP)

— A school bus driver was behind bars Tuesday after a crash killed five young-

sters and plunged Chattanooga into mourning over what the mayor called the

"most unnatural thing in the world" — a parent losing a child.

Police said Johnthony Walker, 24, was speeding along a narrow, winding road Monday afternoon with 35 elementary school students aboard when he wrapped the bus around a tree. Walker was arrested and charged with five counts of vehicular homicide.

Reeling from the tragedy, Chattanooga lined up to donate blood, created a memorial of flowers and stuffed toys at the crash scene and planned an evening prayer vigil. Parents who send their children off to school every day struggled to come to grips with the shock and break the news to their loved ones.

"It's real tough, said Dujuan Butchee, whose daughters, Jamya and Janesa, are eighth-graders who used to go to the same school as the youngsters killed in the wreck. "It's tough on my kids because they know some of the victims as well."

Dr. Darvey Koller, a pediatric emergency room physician at Children's Hospital at Erlanger, said identifying the students after the crash was a lengthy process in some cases.

"Many of them were scared or too dazed to talk to us," Koller said at a news conference Tuesday. "Because of their young age, many of them were unable to spell their names, did not know their birthdays or even their parents' names — several said 'Momma' when they were asked what their name was."

Hospital staff photographed each child and showed the images to teachers to figure out identities, he said.

Three of the children killed were in fourth grade, one was in first grade and another in kindergarten, Kelly said. Their families were notified, but their names were not released. All the children aboard went to Woodmore Elementary School.

"The most unnatural thing in the world is for a par-

ent to mourn the loss of a child," Mayor Andy Berke said. "There are no words that can bring comfort to a mother or a father. So today, the city is praying for these families."

Chattanooga middle-schooler Armanie Bryant said: "They didn't get to live their lives. They didn't get married. They didn't have no kids, anything about their future."

The National Transportation Safety Board sent a team to investigate, and police obtained a warrant to remove the bus' black box, which contains data on the vehicle's movements.

As the investigation got underway, NTSB chairman Christopher Hart said the agency will look at such factors as the driver's actions, the condition of the bus, and whether seat belts — something the NTSB has been pushing for — would have made a difference. Craig Harris, a parent of two children who were on the bus, told ABC's "Good Morning America" that the bus driver sometimes drove too fast.

"There has been times where I've seen him going a little faster than he probably should be going," Harris said. He said his daughter and stepson were in shock and pain after the crash.

Walker had an accident involving property damage in September, and his license was suspended for about a month in 2014 for failure to show proof of insurance, according to state commercial driver records. He appeared to have no criminal record in Tennessee, authorities said.

Hamilton County School District spokeswoman Amy Kutcher declined to say whether the district had received any complaints involving Walker, who was employed by an outside bus contractor, Durham School Services. She referred all questions about his performance and that of other Durham drivers to the company. The company has had 346 crashes over two years, including three resulting in deaths and 142 with injuries, federal figures show. □

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## Southern wildfires continue spread; arson probes launched



A California fire crew, right, makes their way in after working all night on the northern head of a wildfire along the Appalachian Trail at Deep Gap, north of Tate City and the North Carolina border, while a Oregon fire crew, far left, bumps them heading out for their shift Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016. Firefighters have made progress in battling many of the large wildfires burning in the Southeast, but several blazes continue to creep into new areas — and investigators say more fires are being lit each day by suspected arsonists.

(Curtis Compton/Atlanta Journal-Constitution via AP)

JEFF MARTIN

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Firefighters have made progress in battling many of the large wildfires burning in the Southeast, but several blazes continue to creep into new areas — and investigators say more fires are being lit each day by suspected arsonists.

There are 44 uncontrolled large fires in the South, covering a total of more than 120,000 acres, national fire

officials said Tuesday.

Arson investigations are underway in Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina and Kentucky.

In Tennessee, firefighters have responded to 27 new fires since Friday, and 19 of them are suspected arsons, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture reported. Most of those recent blazes are relatively small, the largest being a 452-acre wildfire northwest of Knoxville.

## Police: Package bomb explodes when man opens it in kitchen

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A bomb stuffed inside a padded envelope exploded in a downtown apartment early Tuesday when a man opened the package, apparently thinking it contained medicine, police said. The man was hospitalized with hand and chest injuries.

Federal agents and the city's bomb squad were investigating the pre-dawn blast, which injured a man in his 60s. Authorities said the man, whose name wasn't released, had arrived home at around 4 a.m. after being out of town and was opening his mail.

Chief Inspector Joe Sullivan said the envelope contained shrapnel and caused "substantial dam-

age" to appliances in the kitchen. The man's most serious injuries involved his left hand.

The package was "target specific," police Commissioner Richard Ross said. Authorities don't believe the envelope was sent in the mail because it had an old barcode on it, he said. Authorities hadn't seen that type of explosive device in Philadelphia before, Sullivan said, but they're "familiar with it in other areas of the world."

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives special agent Sam Rabadi said the device is being analyzed in a laboratory.

The victim was hospitalized in stable condition after surgery.

He was home at the time of the blast but was uninjured. □

The Southern forests have caught fire amid a relentless drought. More than 47 million people are now living in drought areas, which stretch from Oklahoma and Texas all the way east to the Carolinas and parts of Virginia, according to the latest information from the National Drought Mitigation Center.

In recent days, high winds and falling leaves have been among the toughest challenges firefighters have faced, authorities say.

"Leaves are the biggest concern for firefighters as the unseasonably late leaf fall continues to spread fresh fuel upon the fire," fire managers said in a Tuesday update on one of the South's largest wildfires, the nearly 14,000-acre Tellico Fire in western North Caro-

lina.

More than 5,000 people from local, state and federal agencies have been battling the wildfires across the South, authorities said. The U.S. Forest Service is investigating what caused many of the larger blazes.

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has reached out to the Forest Service, offering to help investigate, Special Agent Larry Priester said. So far, he said, the agency has not joined the probe. "Their main focus now is just getting the fires contained," he said.

In North Carolina, most of the large fires burning in the western part of the state are suspected arsons, authorities have said. Pat McCrary told reporters at a news conference last week. □

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## American Living:

# Many who live near border say Trump's wall is unwelcome

FRANK BAJAK

Associated Press

### LOS EBANOS, Texas (AP) —

All along the winding Rio Grande, the people who live in this bustling, fertile region where the U.S. border meets the Gulf of Mexico never quite understood how Donald Trump's great wall could ever be much more than campaign rhetoric.

Erecting a concrete barrier across the entire 1,954-mile frontier with Mexico, they know, collides head-on with multiple realities: the geology of the river valley, fierce local resistance and the immense cost.

An electronically fortified "virtual wall" with surveillance technology that includes night-and-day video cameras, tethered observation balloons and high-flying drones makes a lot more sense to people here. It's already in wide use and expanding.

If a 30- to 40-foot concrete wall is a panacea for illegal immigration, as Trump insisted during the campaign, the locals are not convinced. And few were surprised when the president-elect seemed to soften his position five days after the election, saying that the wall could include some fencing.

"The wall is not going to stop anyone," said Jorge Garcia, who expected to lose access to most of his 30-acre riverside ranch after the U.S. Border Fence Act was enacted a decade ago.

Under the law, 652 miles of border barrier were built, mostly in Arizona. The 110 miles of fences and fortified levees that went up in Texas are not contiguous but broken lines, some as much as a mile and a half

from the river.

Eight years after government surveyors marked Garcia's land, he and his wife, Aleida, are still waiting

The gaps in the border barrier include an entire flank of the River Bend golf club and resort in Brownsville. University of Texas-Rio

a wall. The Cronkite News-Univision-Dallas Morning News poll had a margin of error of 2.6 percentage points.



Jorge Garcia and his wife Aleida, ride on a tractor across their ranch in Los Ebanos, Texas. "The wall is not going to stop anyone," said Jorge Garcia, who expected to lose access to most of his 30-acre riverside ranch after the U.S. Border Fence Act was enacted a decade ago.

(AP Photo/Eric Gay)

to see if the Border Patrol will sever their property.

"This lets me know that whenever they want to build the wall, they can," said Aleida, holding up a tax bill that shows the nominally expropriated sliver of property.

If a fence or wall goes up, the couple will be paid \$8,300. So far, the Garcias and the rest of the village of Los Ebanos have been spared because the erosion-prone clay soil is simply too unstable, she believes. Geology conspires against wall-building up and down the Rio Grande Valley. So does a boundary water treaty with Mexico and endangered-species laws. Catwalks and tunnels had to be built into existing fences to accommodate endangered ocelots and jaguarundi, two species of wild cat.

Grande Valley political scientist Terence Garrett calls them "gaps of privilege" because many landowners were politically connected. Other landowners fought the Border Patrol in court.

"The wall might make mid-America feel safer, but for those of us that live on the border, it's not making us feel any safer when we know that people can go over it, around it, under it and through it," said Monica Weisberg-Stewart, security expert for the Texas Border Coalition, a consortium of regional leaders.

The coalition wants federal dollars to go instead to bolstering security at border crossings, where heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine are smuggled in. A poll conducted in Southwest border cities in May found 72 percent of residents opposed to building

The wall is popular in distant cities "because you can see, feel and touch it. But politically it just doesn't make sense," said J.D. Salinas, the coalition's chairman.

As commissioner of the border county of Hidalgo from 2007 to 2009, Salinas won public backing for 20 miles of border barrier by reinforcing an existing levee with concrete and topping it with a fence. In 2010, the project paid off. The levee held back flooding from Hurricane Alex. The cost was about \$10 million a mile, though.

In the Nov. 8 election, only three Texas border counties — all sparsely populated — went for Trump. The rest are solidly Democratic, at odds with the Republicans who control most state capitals and have been demanding more border barriers.

Rural ranchers worried about drug traffickers and other criminals are less likely to benefit from border walls and fences than city-dwellers, said Adam Isaacson, a security expert with the nonprofit advocacy group Washington Office on Latin America.

"What a wall ultimately does is slow a border crosser for 10 to 15 minutes," Isaacson said.

"In an urban area, that 15 minutes is crucial." Border patrol agents can arrive quickly. In rural areas, they may be an hour or more away.

The U.S. side of the border is quite safe, said Weisberg-Stewart. "We are not in a war zone."

In fact, cross-border trade has been booming. In 2014, more than \$246 billion worth of goods and 3.7 million trucks crossed the Texas-Mexico border, according to coalition figures. Trump needs to remember that Mexico is the second-largest U.S. export market, said Rep. Filemon Vela, a Texas Democrat whose district includes most of the valley.

Only Canada buys more American goods.

"There's no way in hell he's going to see his great wall," Vela said.

The region bears the usual hallmarks of American prosperity: strip malls, well-maintained interstates, prosperous gated communities with hacienda-style McMansions. Cold-storage warehouses proliferate for northbound Mexican okra, avocados and tomatoes while other warehouses brim with southbound used clothing. Cotton, grapefruit and corn fields abound.

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## Suspect in fatal police shooting upset over custody battle



This photo provided by the San Antonio PD shows Otis Tyrone McKane, the suspect arrested in the ambush shooting of a San Antonio police detective, has said he was angry about a child-custody battle and "lashed out at somebody who didn't deserve it."

(San Antonio Police Department via AP)

JIM SALTER

DAVID WARREN

Associated Press

The suspect arrested in the ambush shooting of a San Antonio police detective has said he was angry about a child-custody battle and "lashed out at somebody who didn't deserve it."

Otis Tyrone McKane was being led by police to the Bexar County Jail late Monday when he told reporters that he was angry with the

court system for not letting him see his son and took it out on Detective Benjamin Marconi.

"I've been through several custody battles, and I was upset at the situation I was in, and I lashed out at someone who didn't deserve it," McKane said. He said he wanted to apologize to the family of the slain officer.

McKane, 31, of San Antonio, remained jailed on a \$2 million bond after his arrest on a capital murder charge Monday afternoon in the fatal shooting of Marconi. The detective was shot as he sat in his squad car Sunday after making a traffic stop. Authorities have said a gunman walked up to Marconi's driver's-side window and fired.

It was one of several weekend attacks against law enforcement in multiple states.

"I think the uniform was the target and the first person that happened along was the first person that (the suspect) targeted," San Antonio Police Chief William McManus said.

In Missouri, a St. Louis police sergeant was shot twice in the face Sunday evening while he sat in traffic in a

marked police vehicle. He was released from a hospital Monday.

Law enforcement officials say there's been an alarming spike in ambush-style attacks. Sixty officers, including the San Antonio detective, were shot to death on the job this year, compared with 41 in all of 2015, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Of the 60 killed, 20 were purposely targeted by their assailant compared with eight last year, the group said.

Race was a factor in the Dallas attack, but police have not said if race played a part in any of the attacks on Sunday. In San Antonio, the suspect is black and the officer was white. In St. Louis, the sus-

pect was black, but police have not released the officer's race. Most killings of police officers are carried out by white men, and most people shot and killed by police are white, said Craig W. Floyd, president of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

Chief McManus said McKane was arrested on a capital murder warrant without incident after the car he was riding in was stopped Monday afternoon on an interstate.

The suspect, 19-year-old George P. Bush III, was wanted for questioning in recent violent crimes that included several robberies, a carjacking and perhaps a killing, Dotson said without elaborating.

"We believe he knew he was good for those crimes

and that we were looking for him," Dotson said.

"That's why he aggressively attacked a police officer."

Police said Bush was later killed in a shootout with officers. On July 7, Micah Johnson shot and killed five law enforcement officers who had been working to keep the peace at a protest in downtown Dallas over the fatal police shootings of black men in Minnesota and Louisiana.

Ten days after that attack, a man wearing a ski mask and armed with two rifles and a pistol killed three officers near a gas station and convenience store in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. "It's always difficult, especially in this day and age, where police are being targeted across the country," McManus said. □

## Suspect in killing of Kansas mom was arrested in July attack: report

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A Dallas woman accused of killing a Kansas woman and kidnapping her newborn daughter was arrested in July for allegedly threatening another woman with a knife and trying to hold that woman's two daughters for ransom.

Adriana Portillo told The Wichita Eagle that she couldn't believe that Yesenia Sesmas had been released after the July arrest. She found out Monday that Sesmas had been arrested in last week's killing of another Wichita woman, Laura Abarca-Nogueda, and the abduction of Abarca-Nogueda's 6-day-old daughter, Sophia. The girl was retrieved safely from Sesmas' Dallas home Saturday during a pre-dawn raid and reunited with family.

Sesmas, 34, remained jailed in Texas on Tuesday. The complaint detailing the charges against her in Kansas won't be revealed until she appears in court there. She said Sesmas offered to give her a TV and some clothing she wasn't taking with her to Dallas, and that she invited her and her daughters, ages 10 and 3, to collect the things from her basement.

Portillo, who was eight months pregnant at the time, said things got strange and violent in Sesmas' basement. She said Sesmas demanded \$10,000 and said she had two cohorts who were friends with Portillo's husband and who thought he could afford to pay that much to get the girls back.

Urbina said she didn't know if Sesmas has an attorney. □

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## Iraqi forces move to retake another Mosul neighborhood

QASSIM ZAHRA

Associated Press

**IRBIL, Iraq (AP)** — Iraqi troops gained a foothold Tuesday in another neighborhood in the northern city of Mosul after fierce battles against Islamic State militants dug in behind heavy fortifications, according to a top Iraqi commander.

A new analysis, mean-

while, has found that there is a high risk that IS will deploy chemical weapons against Mosul civilians or Iraqi troops fighting to retake the city.

Brig. Gen. Haider Fadil, of the Iraqi special forces, told The Associated Press that IS fighters were firing rockets and mortars as his forces "cautiously" advanced in the densely populated Zohour

hour neighborhood. "There are too many civilians still living there," he said.

Iraqi troops began their siege of Zohour on Sunday as they fortified their positions in neighborhoods already retaken in eastern Mosul.

Suicide bombings, sniper fire and concerns over the safety of civilians — there

are 1 million still in Mosul — have combined to slow down progress in the campaign to liberate the city, which began Oct. 17. Mosul is Iraq's second-largest city and the largest to have fallen to the militants. Most gains in the campaign so far have been made by the special forces operating east of the Tigris River. Other forces, including the

Kurdish peshmerga and volunteer Sunni militiamen, are advancing on the city from different directions, and the U.S.-led coalition is providing airstrikes and other support.

The Iraqi troops are expected to use U.S.-made pontoon bridges when they need to cross the Tigris later in the campaign. □

## Syrian group: Rebels preventing refugees from fleeing Aleppo

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SARAH EL DEEB

Associated Press

**BEIRUT (AP)** — A Syrian monitoring group alleged Tuesday that rebels are preventing dozens of families from fleeing eastern Aleppo as Russian-backed government forces intensify their bombardment of the besieged quarter.

Such claims are difficult to verify and often distorted owing to the propaganda value of the matter. Syrian and Russian state media maintain that rebels are holding the enclave's 275,000 remaining inhabitants hostage to use as human shields, even as the government's air force pounds the east's hospitals and first responder groups. Opposition outlets on the other hand want to show that civilians will never accept returning to the government's heavy-handed rule. Russia has backed Syrian President Bashar Assad with vast military support as he fights to put down an uprising that is approaching its sixth year. Over 300,000 people have been killed in the raging war.

A resident of Aleppo's frontline Sheikh Maqsoud



Syrian President Bashar Assad, right, speaks with Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin in Damascus, Syria, Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016. Russia has backed Assad with vast military support as he fights to put down an uprising that is approaching its sixth year.

(SANA via AP)

neighborhood corroborated the report by the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group, which maintains a network of contacts among both government and anti-government institutions.

Hajj Mohammed al-Jasim told The Associated Press his uncles' families were trying to cross from the Bustan

al-Basha neighborhood in the east to the predominantly Kurdish enclave of Sheikh Maqsoud.

He said his relatives told him they were prepared to cross during the day but were advised by three rebel groups to wait until dark. "Then in the evening, (the rebels) began to fire at the crossing" to prevent passage, al-Jasim said. He said

about fifty families were waiting to cross.

The Observatory reported 100 families are waiting to cross, while Ahmad Hiso Araj, a political official for the YPG-aligned Syrian Democratic Forces, said 250 civilians were prepared to go. He said they were communicating with their relatives in Sheikh Maqsoud to evacuate Bustan al-Basha.

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Fighting on the southern edge, in the Sheik Saeed neighborhood intensified Tuesday. A major rebel group, Ahrar al-Sham, said one of its leading commanders was killed there as they repelled advances by government troops.

This comes a year after the Syrian armed forces announced the formation of the Fourth Corps, also an anti-terrorism force, soon after Russia began its military operations alongside the Syrian government.

The Syrian army declaration read on State TV also comes as the pace of government warnings to the residents of the besieged rebel-held part of eastern Aleppo city rises. State TV on Tuesday aired announcements urging armed opposition groups to allow civilians to exit the besieged enclave through government-designated corridors. Another warning urged residents to cooperate with government forces. A third called on residents to avoid going out in the streets except in "dire need" and to stay clear of areas where armed groups operate. □

## Lebanon's new president attends parade for Independence Day

**BEIRUT (AP)** — Lebanese soldiers marched in formation and helicopters flew overhead in a military parade in central Beirut Tuesday headed by the newly elected president, the first such celebration in two years, to mark the country's Independence Day.

Armored vehicles and tanks rolled down a major thoroughfare in down-

town Beirut, soldiers on horseback marched to military tunes, and a choir performed national songs while organizers released balloons in the colors of the Lebanese flag.

President Michel Aoun watched from a grandstand, sitting between his new prime minister designate, parliament speaker and head of the caretaker

government. Later in the day, the four leaders received well-wishers at the Presidential Palace in nearby Baabda. Premier-designate Saad Hariri withdrew from the receiving line briefly so as not to greet the Syrian ambassador.

Hariri is an outspoken critic of the Syrian government, which has backed his po-

litical rivals in Lebanon. Lebanon's parliament elected 83-year-old Aoun, a former general, as president last month, ending a two-and-a-half-year deadlock that left Lebanon without a president.

Hariri didn't name names, but local media has reported the struggle between Hariri and Aoun on one side and powerful Shiite

parliament speaker Nabih Berri over the government line-up.

At stake is the distribution of the most powerful portfolios, including the Defense Ministry.

The current parliament has failed to amend the law, and has extended its mandate twice amid criticism. New elections are scheduled for May 2017. □

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## Russia rejects Western criticism of Baltic missile buildup

VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

Associated Press

**MOSCOW (AP)**—The Kremlin on Tuesday brushed off Western criticism of the deployment of state-of-the-art missiles in Russia's Baltic Sea region, describing it as an equivalent response to NATO's military buildup near its borders.

The Russian military has reportedly stationed anti-shipping missiles in the nation's westernmost Kaliningrad enclave, and a senior lawmaker also has announced the deployment of other missile systems.

The U.S. State Department and NATO have voiced concern, describing the Russian move as destabilizing. President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, told reporters that the Russian military needs to respond to what he described as NATO's aggressive moves.

"Russia is doing what is necessary to protect itself amid NATO's expansion toward its borders," Peskov said. "The alliance is a truly aggressive bloc, so Russia does what it has to do. It has every sovereign right to take necessary measures throughout the territory of the Russian Federation." The Interfax news agency reported Monday that the Russian military has put Bastion missile-launchers on duty in the Kaliningrad region, which borders NATO members Poland and Lithuania. The Russian Defense Ministry said over the weekend that the Baltic Fleet was rearming itself with new missile-launchers, but didn't provide specifics. It had no immediate comment on



Russian President Vladimir Putin listens to a question, as he takes part in a meeting of "People's Front" Forum in Moscow, Russia on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016.

(Alexei Druzhinin/Sputnik via AP)

the Interfax report.

Separately, Viktor Ozerov, the head of the defense affairs committee in the Russian parliament's upper house, told RIA Novosti

news agency Monday that Russia would also deploy Iskander tactical ballistic missiles and S-400 air defense missile systems to Kaliningrad in response to the

U.S. missile defense plans. U.S. State Department spokesman John Kirby warned Monday that the deployment of Iskander and S-400 missiles to Kalin-

ingrad is "destabilizing to European security" and urged Moscow to "refrain from words or deeds that are inconsistent with the goal of promoting security and stability in the Euro-Atlantic region."

NATO said in a statement to The Associated Press on Tuesday that the missile deployment near the alliance's borders "does not help to lower tensions or restore predictability to our relations." NATO called for more transparency on military activities "to avoid incidents and the risk of misunderstandings."

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov struck back, saying that it's up to the Russian leadership to determine troops' locations.

"Russia isn't a source of security threat now. Moscow also has complained strongly against the deployment of NATO's military units near Russia's borders. □

## Greece: bailout hard line could be 'social disaster'

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Associated Press

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)** — A new round of talks between Greece's government and international creditors paused Tuesday, with Athens accusing bailout hardliners of proposing tough new cuts that would be a "social disaster."

Greece wants to overcome differences with eurozone lenders and the International Monetary Fund by early next month. That would unlock more bailout funds and trigger talks toward modest measures to

relieve the country's crushing debt.

The finance ministry said the week-long negotiations in Athens had made "significant progress." But the two sides remain apart, mainly on thorny labor reforms and public spending. "If the counter proposals mean cuts to the health service, education, across-the-boards cuts to pensions, and mass firings in the already understaffed civil service, that would be a social disaster and would not be accepted by the government or by the Greek people," govern-

ment spokesman Dimitris Tzanakopoulos said at an evening briefing.

An official from the government confirmed a report by Germany's *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* newspaper that the finance ministers of Germany, France, Italy and Spain are planning to meet in Berlin Friday with officials from the IMF and European Central Bank for discussions that would include Greece's debt and bailout measures.

Greece's left-led government wants to strengthen unions' wage bargaining powers, and is resisting

pressure from creditors — European Union institutions and the IMF — to facilitate private-sector layoffs.

The country's largest civil servants union called a 24-hour strike for Thursday, arguing that mass staff cuts could not continue. The union said the number of people employed by the government and publicly owned companies had been slashed from 936,000 in 2011 to 567,000.

"The third bailout is another step toward taking labor regulations back to the dark ages," a union statement said. □

# South Korea approves intel-sharing pact with Japan



South Korean members of a civic group shout slogans during a rally to oppose the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA) between South Korea and Japan, in Seoul, South Korea.

**HYUNG-JIN KIM**  
**Associated Press**

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**

— South Korea's Cabinet approved a military intelligence-sharing agreement with Japan on Tuesday to better deal with threats from North Korea, officials said, despite a warning from the North that the

deal would deepen regional animosities.

The approval of the pact, which takes effect after its formal signing later this week, also drew immediate criticism from South Korean opposition lawmakers who view it as an attempt to divert attention from a huge political scandal

involving President Park Geun-hye.

Seoul officials said the deal has nothing to do with the scandal and that information from Japanese satellites and other high-tech systems are necessary to thoroughly monitor developments in North Korea's nuclear and missile

(AP Photo/Lee Jin-man)

programs.

Worries about the North's weapons programs have grown since September, when the country carried out its fifth nuclear test, its most powerful to date.

Military cooperation with Japan is a divisive issue in South Korea, where many people still harbor strong resentment over Japan's brutal 1910-1945 colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula. Seoul and Tokyo nearly signed the pact in 2012 but South Korea backed off at the last minute following a public backlash.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency issued a commentary on Tuesday accusing Washington of pushing its two Asian allies to sign the intelligence deal to bolster its anti-North Korean regional hegemony.

The pact "will further the danger of a nuclear war on the Korean Peninsula and poses a grave threat to peace and security in northeast Asia and the world," the commentary said. □

**Philippine, U.S. military chiefs say ties are robust**

**TERESA CEROJANO**  
**Associated Press**

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**

— The chiefs of the Philippine armed forces and the United States Pacific Command said Tuesday the two countries' military ties remain robust, with both sides committed to their alliance and cooperation on maritime security, counter-terrorism and humanitarian aid.

The upbeat statement is issued at the end of a Mutual Defense Board and Security Engagement Board meeting came after threats by Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte to reduce military cooperation with Washington and expand security ties with China and Russia.

Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., head of the U.S. Pacific Command, co-chaired the meeting with Gen. Ricardo R. Visaya, the Philippine armed forces chief.

Harris said last week in Washington that there's been no change so far in U.S.-Philippine military cooperation but that there could be a "re-scoping" of some big joint exercises in 2017.

The Philippines and the U.S. are longstanding allies who signed a mutual defense treaty in 1951.

"The successful completion of the MDB-SEB ensures continued, robust relations between the U.S. and Philippine militaries," the statement said. "This highlights the enduring commitment of both countries to the U.S.-Philippine alliance."

But he did not elaborate on that or the reduction in exercises, saying more details may be available when the minutes of the meeting are released. □

## China: 3 Australian casino staff to face formal charges

**BEIJING (AP)** — China has indicated to Australia that it will prosecute three Australian employees of a casino operator over suspected gambling crimes, the Australian foreign ministry said Tuesday.

A ministry statement said Australia received formal arrest notices from China following the detention last month of three employees of Crown Resorts Ltd. The three were jailed in an apparent crackdown on efforts to lure wealthy Chinese gamblers to its Australian casinos.

China has not said what charges the trio will face or detailed the allegations

against them. Fifteen Chinese employees of Crown were also detained last month. The status of their cases is not known.

The three Australians include the head of Crown's VIP International team, Jason O'Connor, who was visiting China from the company headquarters in Melbourne, Australia, when staff were detained in raids across China on Oct. 13 and 14.

Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said Australia's consular staff visited all three on Tuesday.

"They are in good health, they are all represented by lawyers and we were

able to provide advice and support and messages from their families," Bishop told Sky News television on Wednesday.

"It is a very difficult circumstance, but we will continue to provide whatever advice and support that we are able," she added. Australia and China worked closely to enhance two-way trade and investment, she said.

"There is, however, an overall anti-corruption agenda of President Xi Jinping and gambling is one of the areas of interest to them," Bishop said.

Casino gambling is illegal in mainland China, and Chi-

nese law prohibits agents from organizing groups of more than 10 Chinese citizens to gamble abroad.

The industry has been known to skirt the ban by touting destination packages rather than gambling, particularly as Chinese President Xi Jinping's ongoing corruption crackdown has deterred some gamblers from Macau, an offshore Chinese gambling enclave.

The three people arrested are being held in Shanghai, according to the Australian foreign ministry.

Crown did not respond to a request for comment late Tuesday. □

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## Defectors: N. Korea would fall without capitalistic markets



North Korean defector Cha Ri-hyuk, 31, who came to South Korea in 2013, talks about the many markets that recently have opened up in North Korea as he walks outside of a local market in Seoul, South Korea. Hundreds of markets have emerged in North Korea since its public rationing systems fell apart in the mid-1990s.

(AP Photo/Lee Jin-man)

**HYUNG-JIN KIM**  
Associated Press

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**

— Hundreds of capitalistic markets, each with thousands of stalls, form the glue that holds North Korea's socialist planned economy together, say defectors who sold medicinal herbs, skinny jeans, TV sets, foreign drama CDs and other goods there to make a living.

"People there say North Korean markets have everything but a cat's horn. They truly have everything there," said Cha Ri-hyuk, 31, who came to South Korea in 2013. "If North Korea shuts down markets, it will collapse too."

North Korea has tolerated — and taxed — some market activities since the country's state rationing systems crumbled amid an economic crisis and famine that killed an estimated hundreds of thousands in the mid-1990s.

The economic boost the markets provide has helped leader Kim Jong Un keep a grip on power and further his nuclear ambitions, leaving the North's harsh political system and

alleged human rights abuses largely untouched. But some political analysts note that market activities are gradually infusing North Koreans with new ways of thinking that eventually could loosen the authoritarian government's hold over its 24 million people. "It's like potential forces which can fundamentally shake the North's systems are growing," said Lim Eul Chul, a North Korea expert at South Korea's Kyungnam University.

Satellite photos and testimonies of defectors show there are now about 400 mostly outdoor markets, called "jangmadang," in the North.

Recent surveys of refugees suggest most ordinary North Koreans resort to market activities for a living as the country's public rationing systems have never been fully restored.

Four defectors who talked to The Associated Press said they received no rations at all.

North Korea has periodically tried to prevent markets from growing too fast by restricting the operating hours of markets and bar-

ring young people from working there.

But such measures often are later withdrawn, according to activists specializing in North Korea affairs. The harshest measure was taken in 2009, when authorities replaced all currency and limited the amount of old bills citizens could exchange in a bid to reassert control over the economy. But no serious measures have been implemented since Kim assumed power in late 2011, after his father's death. Kim has vowed to improve public livelihood while pouring resources into weapons programs to cope with what he calls increasing U.S. military threats.

North Korea rarely allows international news organizations to conduct reporting at capitalistic-style markets.

In 2004, however, the AP was given an unusual chance film Pyongyang's crowded yet clean indoor Tongil Market, where neatly uniformed merchants sold goods including bananas, fish, vegetables, women's underwear, shoes and tennis rackets.

Defectors say the Pyongyang wholesale market, near the North's capital Pyongyang, is the biggest. To work at a market, a merchant buys a stall and pays daily tax to authorities.

There is no official data on how much money North Korea collects from market merchants every year.

Items sold in jangmadangs are locally produced, or imported or smuggled from China, South Korea and elsewhere.

South Korean-made clothes, shoes and soap opera CDs are especially popular, though it's illegal in the North to sell goods made by its archrival.

Regular police crackdowns have not sapped demand.

"No matter how high prices for South Korean clothes I called, they were all sold out," said Lee O.P., who sold such clothes at a Musan market in the northeast before she made it to South Korea in December 2014. She requested her first name be identified only as initials due to worries about the safety of relatives left in the North. When North Korean police find people wearing South Korean clothes or dresses they consider too skimpy or tight, they often take them to back alleys and rip parts of their garments with razors or scissors, according to Cha and Lee.

The markets have given North Koreans a taste of

foreign culture, eroded their dependence upon a government that no longer feeds them and opened up a new gap between rich and poor.

There is little to suggest that the country's authoritarian rule has weakened, but at the same time, experts say, the North must take care to avoid economic policies that harm the markets. For instance, the 2009 botched currency reform reportedly triggered widespread public complaints that led to the execution of a top Workers' Party official.

"For me, it's like North Korea is a capitalistic country while South Korea is a socialist country," she said. "In North Korea, if you don't have money, you'll just have to die." □

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## Rio workers protest as Brazil plans austerity measures



Demonstrators, one dressed in a Wonder Woman costume, shout outside the state of Rio de Janeiro's legislative assembly building where lawmakers are discussing austerity measures in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016. State legislators are struggling to agree on a plan to deal with a deepening financial crisis and two former Rio governors have been arrested this week in connection with corruption and vote-buying allegations.

**M. SAVARESE**  
**Associated Press**

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — More than 1,000 public workers protested in front of Rio de Janeiro's state legislature Tuesday as lawmakers prepared to vote

on steep austerity measures that many fear could exacerbate a deteriorating security situation and cause myriad other problems.

Meanwhile, President Michel Temer met with state

governors who have been seeking federal help to keep their own struggling administrations afloat. One of the states declared a financial emergency. The developments underscored the challenge of re-

(AP Photo/Leo Correa)

viving Latin America's largest economy at a time of large deficits and increasing angst among Brazilians. The protests were peaceful, but federal and local policemen were deployed in front of the state legislature building to block entry as lawmakers met. Last week, the same place military police clashed with state workers who haven't been paid for weeks.

Pezao, who is facing calls to resign, initially said education and public security would not be affected by the austerity measures.

But police union leader Francisco Chao told journalists that many officers have poor working conditions and suffer delayed salary payments.

"There has been no money coming to security affairs; there was some only for the Olympic Games," Chao said. "Rio state government's problem is not Brazil's financial crisis," he said. "It is a problem of ethics, morals, management and incompetence."

In the last week, two for-

mer Rio governors were arrested on corruption and vote-buying charges, including Pezao's predecessor, Sergio Cabral.

The city has also suffered a wave of violence in recent weeks, particularly in slums. Many Cariocas, as Rio residents are known, blame the economic problems on corruption, while others insist the government overextended itself to put on the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Temer, meanwhile, met with 22 state governors to discuss how to cope with the financial crisis.

Temer is hoping to push through Congress bills to cap spending and overhaul the pension system.

The meeting got off to a bad start when the state of Rio Grande do Sul, on the border with Uruguay and Argentina, declared a financial emergency, allowing officials more freedom in handling their budget. Earlier this year, Rio declared a similar emergency so it could shift funds ahead of the August Olympics. □

## Boko Haram besieging villages in Chibok area, say leaders

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**MICHELLE FAUL**  
**Associated Press**

**MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)** — Boko Haram fighters are overrunning villages near the northeastern Nigerian town of Chibok, forcing hundreds of people to flee as the insurgents loot and burn in the area where nearly 300 schoolgirls were kidnapped in 2014, local leaders said Tuesday.

"Chibok is now under Boko Haram siege," the chairman of the Chibok local government area, Yaga Yarkawa, told journalists Tuesday in Maiduguri, the birthplace of Nigeria's homegrown Islamic ex-

tremist group some 130 kilometers (80 miles) northeast of Chibok.

The accounts of Boko Haram violence around Chibok, along with multiple suicide bombings in Maiduguri city and attacks on army outposts raise doubts about military and government claims that the 7-year-old insurgency is nearly defeated. Instead, the rebels have stepped up attacks as the rainy season draws to an end, making them more mobile. Nine villages within 25 kilometers (16 miles) of Chibok town have been razed in the past two weeks with the most recent attack at

Thlaimaklama at the weekend, Yarkawa said.

Boko Haram is employing scorched earth tactics, rustling livestock, looting crops just ready to harvest, and burning homes and what crops they cannot carry, he said. "Contrary to claims by government and security operatives, Chibok is not safe."

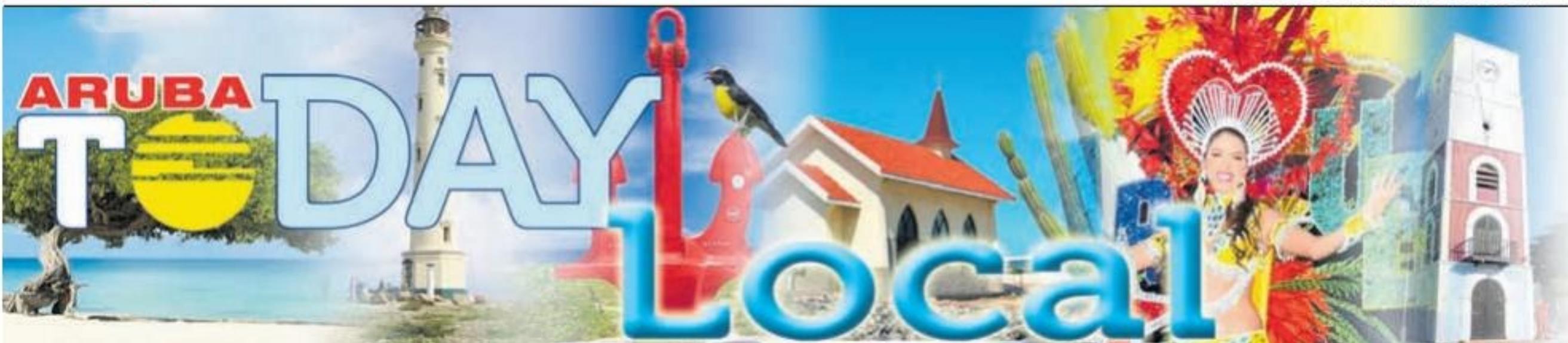
Many of the villages fringe on the Sambisa Forest, where Nigerian security forces have been carrying out near-daily air bombardments and ground attacks in which they have freed thousands of Boko Haram captives and cut food supplies.

The forest stronghold was where Boko Haram initially took 276 schoolgirls kidnapped from the government high school at Chibok April 14, 2014. Nigeria's government last month secured the first negotiated release of 21 Chibok girls. Another Chibok girl escaped captivity in May and one was rescued in an army raid earlier this month. The government says it is conducting negotiations with Boko Haram for the freedom of nearly 200 Chibok girls remaining in captivity.

That is disputed by former Nigerian Vice President Ati-

ku Abubakar, who said at the weekend that "The insurgents still occupy a specific geographical space. They still retain the capacity for occasional deadly attacks. Many citizens in the zone still remain vulnerable and live in fear."

Some Boko Haram fighters are moving south into east-central Taraba state, according to some recent reports. The Islamic uprising has killed more than 20,000 people, spread across Nigeria's borders and created 2.6 million refugees and a humanitarian crisis that the U.N. estimates has 14 million people in desperate need of food aid. □



## Happiness Index Study Identifies Aruba as Happiest Island In The World

**ORANJESTAD** - New research suggests the "One happy island" of Aruba is the happiest island in the world, relative to size. Following a 5-year Happiness Index study conducted in partnership between Aruba Tourism Authority and the Rosen College of Hospitality Management at the University of Central Florida – results confirm 78 percent of the Aruban population is happy, while 76 percent also express longer-term satisfaction with life.

When compared to the 2016 World Happiness Report, commissioned by the United Nations to measure the happiness index of 157 larger countries, Aruba's results rank higher than No. 1 Denmark at approximately 75.3 percent.

"It's important to note that while other Caribbean islands are included in the World Happiness Report, Aruba is the first and only Caribbean island to ever measure its own happiness index," said Dr. Robertico Croes of UCF. "Over the past five years, we've collected a significant 2,000 surveys, stratified across four core groups in Aruba, and have seen the desired stability in the island's happiness levels."

Aruba's famous brand – One happy island – has been around, with some interruptions, for nearly 40 years. But for Aruba, happiness is more than a trendy subject or tagline; it's an inherit part of the island's DNA that Aruba has committed to studying since 2011.

"As the No. 2 most tourism-reliant nation in the world, Aruba greatly values the happiness of our local peo-



ple – they are the heart and soul of Aruba and ensure the quality tourism experience that has defined our destination," said Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, CEO of Aruba Tourism Authority.

"We evaluate the success of our tourism not only by its tangible benefits, but also by intangible benefits including local happiness and life satisfaction, as that directly impacts visitor hap-

around the world, Aruba has been one of the most compelling islands to make inquiries about quality of life and happiness," said Dr. Manuel Rivera of UCF. "Throughout the course of our studies we've confirmed Aruba's people are generally happy with their quality of life as well as with the imperative connection between the destination and tourism. Happiness in Aruba can be seen as a self-fulfilling cycle, tourism development drives happiness for the residents which in turn results in happy tourists."

As the exclusive Caribbean island to measure its happiness index, Aruba encourages nations of all sizes to follow suit.

"It is important to measure the success of a country beyond economic indicators and to make happiness and well-being an integral part of our national dialogue and intent," said Otmar Oduber, Aruba Minister of Tourism, Transportation, Primary Sector and Culture. "We would also like to see prestigious World Ranking Reports to incorporate 'small island development states' such as our One happy island, in its studies."

Aruba's approach to happiness already has caught the attention and support of The United Nations World Tourism Organization.

"We've reviewed the results of the study, which is in line with our methodology, and believe it merits attention on a worldwide level," said UNWTO Secretary-General, Taleb Rifai. "We would like to see this model applied across other Caribbean islands and worldwide." □



## Bob and Gerri Palermo Honored at the Hilton Aruba Beach Resort

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**WESTPUNT** - In the aftermath of the festivities surrounding Café the Plaza's 25th anniversary celebrations, the 23rd edition of the Plaza Golf Tournament is held on Saturday, November 26. Golfers have been looking forward to it the entire year, but now the time is here: the Hans Nooter Memorial Trophy 2016 is ready for lift-off. The fun golf event will see its shotgun start at 12:30pm at the fantastic Tierra del Sol golf course. The format is a two-person scramble; men play from the White tees and the women from the Coral tees.

Thirty percent of the combined total is the team's handicap. Formerly the event was called the Plaza Golf Open; the name change was made to honor fun-loving Café the Plaza owner Hans Nooter, who passed away four years ago.

Usually between 40 and 50 teams register for this



afternoon of spirited golf. "This tournament is all about having fun," tell the long-time participants, all regulars of Café the Plaza in the Renaissance Marketplace about the event; there are gift certificates for first, second

and third place teams as well as for Closest to the Pin at Holes 3, 7, 13, 15 and 17. The manager of Café the Plaza, Gert Jan Koopmans, announces proudly: "The main prize this 25th anniversary year will be 2 tickets to Curacao with

Insel Air."

After playing 18 holes, the tired golfers are expected back at Café the Plaza after 5pm for a few reviving drinks and a bite to eat. They can expect an excellent buffet complete with a salad bar before

the prizes are handed out. Prizes will be given out to the best three teams and Closest to the Pin winners. Registration for the Hans Nooter Memorial Trophy is possible at Tierra del Sol at: [teetime@tierradelsolaruba.com](mailto:teetime@tierradelsolaruba.com) or at 586-0978. □

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## Carr helps Raiders rally past Texans 27-20 in Mexico City

JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — The party in the stands started early in the second NFL regular season game ever played in Mexico with loud cheers and chants from before kickoff until the final whistle. The Oakland offense took a little longer to get going, but once they did Derek Carr and the Raiders came out with yet another win.

Carr woke up a struggling offense by throwing two touchdown passes in the fourth quarter as the Raiders capped a successful trip to Mexico with a 27-20 victory over the Houston Texans on Monday night.

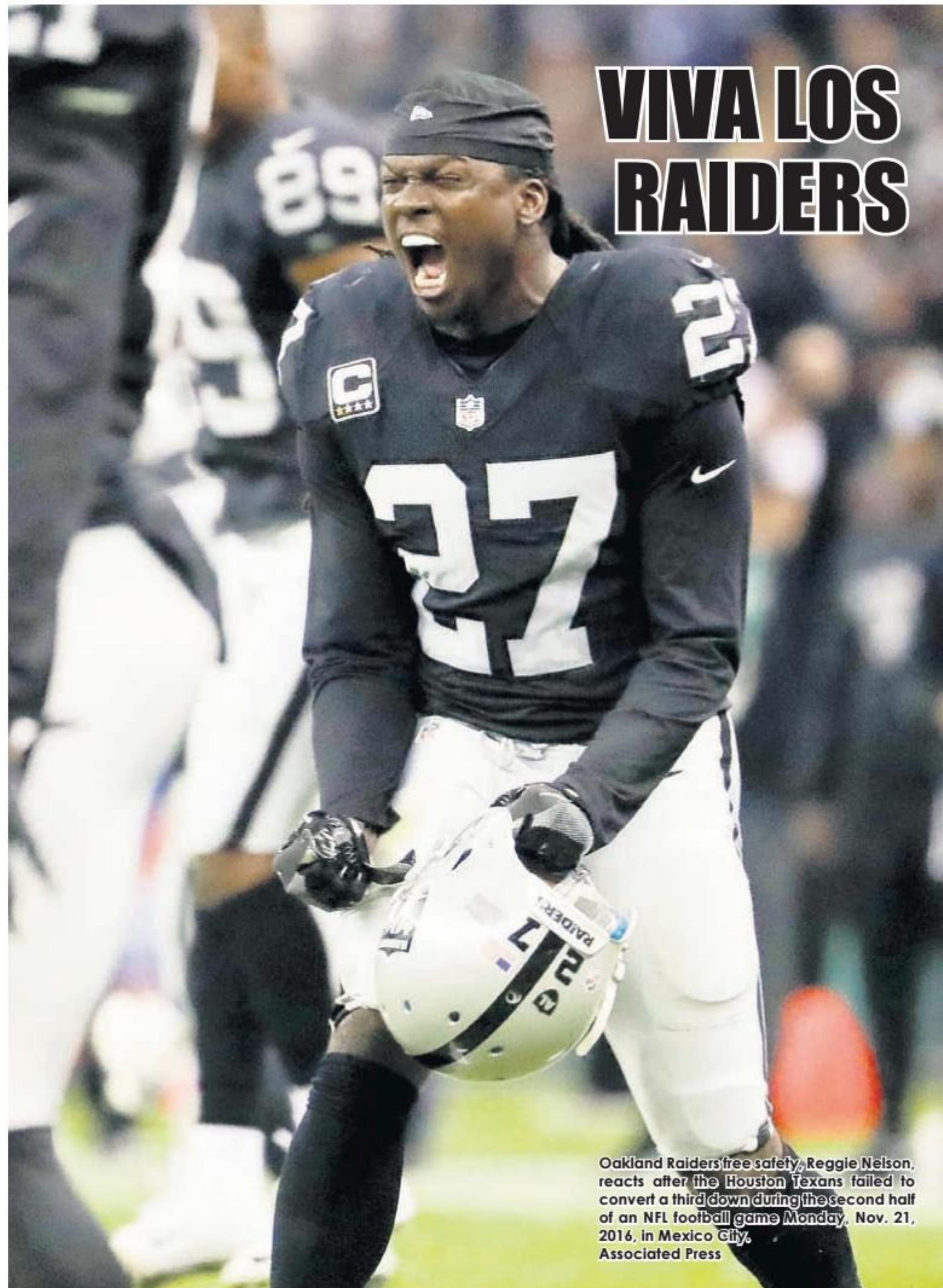
"We got punched in the mouth," Carr said. "We weren't doing things the way we usually want to do things executing wise. But there was no doubt in anybody's mind that we'd come back and win the football game."

Oakland had been held to 120 yards through three quarters with the running game going nowhere and Carr finding few open receivers downfield. But that suddenly changed in the fourth quarter to give the Raiders (8-2) their fourth straight win for the first time since 2002.

With star receiver Amari Cooper lined up in the backfield, Carr found fullback Jamize Olawale open for a 75-yard catch and run that tied Houston (6-4) at 20.

Then Oakland took advantage on two questionable spots by the officials to take over on downs at the 15 and drove 85 yards in five plays to take the lead on a 35-yard pass to Cooper to send the Texans to their fourth loss in five games outside of Houston.

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Oakland Raiders free safety, Reggie Nelson, reacts after the Houston Texans failed to convert a third down during the second half of an NFL football game Monday, Nov. 21, 2016, in Mexico City. Associated Press

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## Bruce Arena returns as U.S. coach, replacing Jurgen Klinsmann

RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Bruce Arena is returning to coach the U.S. national soccer team, a decade after he was fired.

The winningest coach in American national team history, Arena was hired Tuesday, a day after Jurgen Klinsmann's dismissal for two losses to begin the final round of World Cup qualifying.

With the Americans 0-2 at this stage for the first time, the U.S. Soccer Federation wants to spark a turnaround when competition resumes March 24 with a home game against Honduras followed four days later with a match at Panama. The 65-year-old Arena starts work Dec. 1.

"We need to build the chemistry of this team and have a common goal and really work on a team concept," Arena said during a telephone news conference. "I really believe individually and positionally we have good players and we've just got to get them working together as a team."

"There are no real secrets on how you build good teams: It takes a lot of hard work, it takes communication, it takes discipline and



In this Oct. 26, 2016, file photo, Los Angeles Galaxy head coach Bruce Arena yells at the side judge during the first half of a knockout round MLS playoff soccer match against Real Salt Lake in Carson, Calif.

Associated Press

it takes some talent, and I think we have enough talent to build a good team and end up in Russia 2018. It's going to take a little time, a little bit patience and a lot of hard work."

Arena first took over as national team coach after the 1998 World Cup and led the U.S. to a 71-30-29 record. His contract runs through the 2018 World Cup. "I don't view it as Bruce 2, but sort of Bruce 2.0," USSF President Sunil

Gulati said. "I think he's got far more experience than he did when he had the national team the first go-round. He's proven and re-proven many times at all levels of the game in the United States that he's an extraordinarily capable and successful coach."

A wisecracking Brooklynite known for blunt talk and sarcasm, Arena coached the University of Virginia to five NCAA titles from 1978-95, then led D.C. United to

titles in Major League Soccer's first two seasons before losing in the 1998 final. He guided the Americans to the team's best World Cup finish since 1930, a 1-0 loss to Germany in the 2002 quarterfinals.

Arena was let go after the team's first-round elimination by Ghana in 2006. He coached the New York Red Bulls of MLS from July 2006 to November 2007, then was hired the following August by the Galaxy. He led the team to MLS titles in 2011, 2012 and 2014. Arena was inducted into the U.S. National Soccer Hall of Fame in 2010. "I think 10 years later I'm better prepared for this job than I was in 1998 and 2002 and ultimately 2006, so I'm hopeful the experiences I had are going to benefit the program," he said.

"One of the things you learn from experience is you see things a lot clearer and a lot quicker than you did previously, and the game has slowed down a bit, where I can see as a coach in my position how things are happening on the field." Hired by Gulati in 2011, Klinsmann coached the U.S. to the 2013 CONCACAF Gold Cup title and the second round of the 2014 World Cup, where the Americans lost to Belgium 2-1 in extra time.

Gulati cited three disappointments that led to Klinsmann's firing: failing to qualify for the 2017 Confederations Cup, the under-23 team's failure to reach this year's Olympics and the poor start to the final round of qualifying in the North and Central American and Caribbean region.

The U.S. would have reached the Confederations Cup by winning last year's Gold Cup, but Jamaica upset the Americans in the semifinals, and the U.S. lost a playoff to Mexico. "Really starting at the Gold Cup, we've had some very up-and-down results," Gulati said. "The Gold Cup was a big disappointment for everyone: for Jurgen, for the players, for our fans."

But Mexico won 2-1 in Columbus, Ohio, the first U.S. home loss in qualifying since 2001.

That was followed by a 4-0 defeat last week in Costa Rica, the Americans' four-goal loss in qualifying since 1980. "None of us expected the two results we got," Gulati said. □

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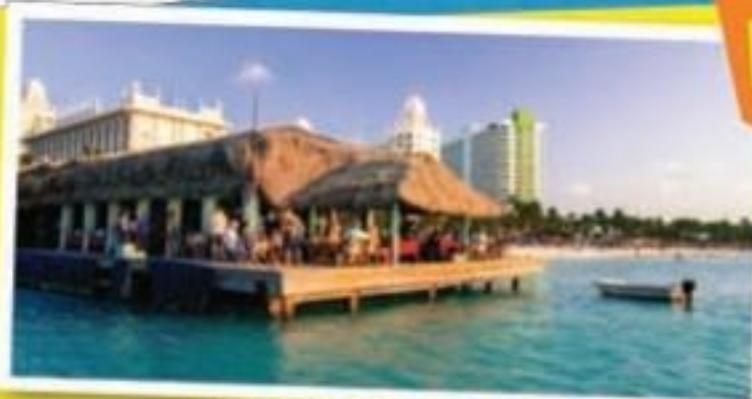
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Oakland Raiders wide receiver Seth Roberts (10) can't hold on to a pass as Houston Texans strong safety Quintin Demps defends during the first half of an NFL football game Monday, Nov. 21, 2016, in Mexico City.

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## Raiders rally

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"Very tough loss," defensive lineman Jadeveon Clowney said. "We should have won the game, we are trying to win every game. You don't leave the game in the ref's hands." That set off loud celebrations from the pro-Raiders crowd of 76,743 in the second regular season game ever played in Mexico. What was originally scheduled as an Oakland home game featured Raiders music during stoppages, Tommie Smith lighting the Al Davis torch in a memorable return to Mexico City nearly a half-century after his Black Power salute at the 1968 Olympics and frequent "RAI-DERS!" chants. While the atmosphere was electric, the field was a bit slippery leading to some falls and the high elevation 7,380 feet above sea level played a factor. The Raiders needed to use a timeout on defense at one point in the fourth to catch their breath and receiver Michael Crabtree was seen gasping for breath at one point.

"To be able to play here was amazing," Carr said. "There's so much history, so much rowdiness. I love soccer and it gave me a kind of soccer feel."

CLOSE SPOTS: The Texans were upset on two spots on the fourth-quarter drive before Oakland went ahead. On third-and-2, Lamar Miller was stopped just short of the first down even though Houston believed he got it. Coach Bill O'Brien went for it on fourth down but Akeem Hunt was stopped about an inch short on fourth down and the play stood after a replay challenge.

LASER SHOW: Houston QB Brock Osweiler had to deal with an unusual distraction during the game as a fan with a green laser frequently shined it on the Houston quarterback as he dropped back to pass in an act more familiar in soccer games played here than in NFL games. That wasn't the only soccer tradition imported for this game. Fans also used a homophobic chant on kickoffs. Mexico's soccer federation has been punished by FIFA in the past for the chant during World

Cup qualifiers. Fans threw paper airplanes on the field in the third quarter with Oakland's Sean Smith taking a turn throwing one that reached the field during a break.

STREAK BROKEN: Carr had thrown 170 straight passes without an interception before getting picked by A.J. Bouye on a deep ball on the first play from scrimmage in the second half. It was Carr's fourth interception of the season and the first since Kansas City's Marcus Peters got one Oct. 16.

INTERNATIONAL SCORER: With his extra point in the second quarter, Oakland's Sebastian Janikowski scored a point in his third country, having previously done it in the United States and United Kingdom. Joe Nedney is the only other player to score in Mexico, the U.S. and the U.K. Five other players have scored in Canada, the U.K. and the U.S.: running back Steven Jackson and kickers Robbie Gould, Matt Bryant, Dan Carpenter and Jay Feely. □

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## NHL Capsules

### Draisaitl, Talbot lead Oilers to 5-0 win over Blackhawks

**EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)** —

Leon Draisaitl scored twice and Cam Talbot made 31 saves for his third shutout of the season, helping the Edmonton Oilers beat the Western Conference-leading Chicago Blackhawks 5-0 on Monday night.

Oscar Klefbom, Andrej Sekera and Anton Slepyshev also scored for the Oilers. Corey Crawford made 22 saves in the loss as the Blackhawks had a two-game winning streak snapped.

Teenage captain Connor McDavid had two assists for Edmonton.

The 19-year-old set up a goal 2:39 in by skating the length of the ice before centering the puck for Klefbom, who blasted a shot past Crawford.

McDavid also assisted late in the first when Draisaitl tipped in Klefbom's shot from the point on a power play for a 2-0 lead.

#### RANGERS 5, PENGUINS 2

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — J.T. Miller scored short-handed to cap a second-period rally, helping New York overcome an early two-goal deficit to beat Pittsburgh.

The teams play again Wednesday night at Madison Square Garden to complete a pivotal, early season home-and-home between Metropolitan Division contenders.

The Penguins have lost four of six and trail the first-place Rangers by four points.

Pittsburgh's Jake Guentzel scored twice in the first period of his first NHL game, but Rick Nash and Michael Grabner made it 2-2 before Miller, a Pittsburgh native,



New Jersey Devils goalie Keith Kinkaid makes the save on a shot from the San Jose Sharks during the first period of an NHL hockey game Monday, Nov. 21, 2016, in San Jose, Calif.

Associated Press

got his eighth of the season.

Kevin Hayes added his ninth goal midway through the third, and Derek Stepan also scored into an empty net.

Antti Raanta, starting the second game of a back-to-back for New York, rebounded after the first period and made 29 saves for his fifth win in six games.

Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 31 shots for Pittsburgh.

#### STARS 3, WILD 2, OT

**DALLAS (AP)** — Jamie Benn flicked in a goal 1:23 into overtime, lifting Dallas over Minnesota.

Benn took a cross-ice pass from Tyler Seguin in the left faceoff circle and shot over goalie Darcy Kuem-

per's right shoulder.

The Stars had lost five straight overtime games and nine in a row going back to last season.

Their last overtime win at home was on Nov. 14, 2015 — also 3-2 against the Wild. Dallas twice took one-goal leads, but the Wild answered each time.

The Stars' Jamie Oleksiak scored his first in more than two years on a rebound at 7:19 of the second period. Nino Niederreiter tied the game on the power play at 17:22 of the second.

Brett Ritchie gave Dallas a 2-1 lead at 1:01 of the third, but 3 minutes later, Erik Haula scored for Minnesota.

**SHARKS 4, DEVILS 0**  
**SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)** —

Martin Jones made 26 saves, Chris Tierney and Patrick Marleau each scored early and San Jose sent New Jersey to its third straight loss.

Logan Couture and Brent Burns also scored for the Sharks, who had just one point in their last three games.

Keith Kinkaid saved 37 of 41 shots for the Devils, who ended their California trip winless in three games.

Tierney scored a short-handed goal two minutes into the contest after he stole a pass and raced unguarded to beat Kinkaid. Tierney later left the game after getting hit in the face by the puck.

#### PREDATORS 3, LIGHTING 1

#### NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

P.K. Subban scored twice in the second period and Pekka Rinne made 23 saves, helping Nashville to a win over Tampa Bay.

Viktor Arvidsson also scored and Ryan Ellis added three assists for the Predators, winners of two of three.

Rinne continued his hot November, improving to 6-1-2 on the month.

Tyler Johnson scored and Ben Bishop made 27 saves for Tampa Bay, which got its only defeat in the final game of a five-game trip.

#### AVALANCHE 3, BLUE JACKETS 2, OT

#### COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) —

Matt Duchene scored 1:49 into overtime in his first game back from a concussion, helping Colorado snap Columbus' seven-game home winning streak.

The victory improved Colorado's record to 9-9-0, while Columbus, playing its second game in two days, fell to 10-5-2.

Colorado led 2-1 before Columbus' Cam Atkinson tied it with 6.5 seconds left, assisted by Sam Gagne and Zach Werenski.

It was Atkinson's second goal of the night and seventh of the season. His first score came at 9:00 of the first period.

Semyon Varlamov stopped 40 of 42 shots, while Curtis McElhinney, starting in relief of Sergei Bobrovsky, stopped 24 attempts.

#### SABRES 4, FLAMES 2

#### BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) —

Kyle Okposo had a goal and an assist, helping Buffalo bust an offensive slump with three power-play goals in a victory over Calgary.

Johan Larsson, Matt Moulson and Marcus Foligno also scored for the Sabres, who reached three goals in a game for the first time in 11 chances, since a 3-1 win at Winnipeg on Oct. 30.

Buffalo has won consecutive games for just the second time this season.

Matthew Tkachuk had a goal and an assist and Mikael Backlund also scored for Calgary, which is coming off a 3-2 win at Detroit on Sunday night.

Buffalo got two assists each from Sam Reinhart and Taylor Fedun, who now has four assists in three games since being called up from the AHL.

Robin Lehner had 29 saves for the Sabres, and Brian Elliott turned away 28 shots for Calgary. □



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## NBA Capsules With no Paul George, Warriors make quick work of Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Klay Thompson scored 25 points in 26 minutes and two-time MVP Stephen Curry added 22 points as the Golden State Warriors routed the Indiana Pacers 120-83 on Monday night.

The Warriors (12-2) have won eight straight and kept their starters on the bench for the entire fourth quarter after taking a 29-point lead.

#### CLIPPERS 123, RAPTORS 115

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chris Paul had 26 points and 12 assists, Blake Griffin also scored 26 and Los Angeles beat Toronto in a match-up of early-season division leaders.

DeAndre Jordan added 17 points and 15 rebounds for the Clippers, who improved the NBA's best record to 13-2 with their 10th victory in 11 games. J.J. Redick scored 20 points as Los Angeles snapped a four-game losing streak to Toronto.

The Clippers led by 17 in the second half but the Raptors cut the margin to 119-115 on a 3-pointer by Kyle Lowry with less than a minute to play. Redick made four free throws down the stretch to seal it.

Lowry led Toronto with 27 points and DeMar DeRozan added 25.

#### GRIZZLIES 105, HORNETS 90

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Mike Conley had 31 points, Marc Gasol flirted with a triple-double and Memphis defeated Charlotte for its fifth straight win.

Conley had five 3-pointers

and shot 11 of 21 from the field, including a long 3 with 4 minutes left that thwarted Charlotte's fourth-quarter rally and sent the crowd streaming toward the exits. Frank Kaminsky turned in perhaps his best game as a pro for Charlotte, tying a career high with 23 points on 9-of-11 shooting. Kemba Walker had 17 points, snapping a string of 11 straight games with 20 or more.

#### 76ERS 101, HEAT 94

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Joel Embiid had 22 points, including four late free throws, to lead Philadelphia over Miami. Gerald Henderson added 19 points and Jahlil Okafor had 15 for the 76ers, who won their fourth straight home game. Philadelphia (4-10) has lost 21 in a row on the road.

Hassan Whiteside set a career high with 32 points for the Heat while reaching double digits in rebounds for the 13th consecutive game to start the season. Whiteside, who entered leading the NBA with 16.2 boards per game, finished with 13.

#### WIZARDS 106, SUNS 101

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bradley Beal scored a career-high 42 points and John Wall shook off an awful shooting night with seven key points down the stretch as Washington beat Phoenix.

Devin Booker had 30 points and Eric Bledsoe scored 29 for the Suns, who have lost five of six.

#### ROCKETS 99, PISTONS 96

#### AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP)

— James Harden had 28 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds to lift Houston over Detroit. With the Rockets clinging to a two-point lead and 4.6 seconds to go, Drummond missed two free throws before Harden made one of two. Caldwell-Pope missed a halfcourt heave at the buzzer.

#### CELTICS 99, TIMBERWOLVES 93

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Isaiah Thomas scored 29 points and Boston rallied from 13 points down in the fourth quarter to beat Minnesota. Al Horford added 20 points, six rebounds and five assists for the Celtics, who trailed 81-68 after three. Boston opened the fourth on a 17-0 run to take the lead and held on down the stretch for its second straight win.

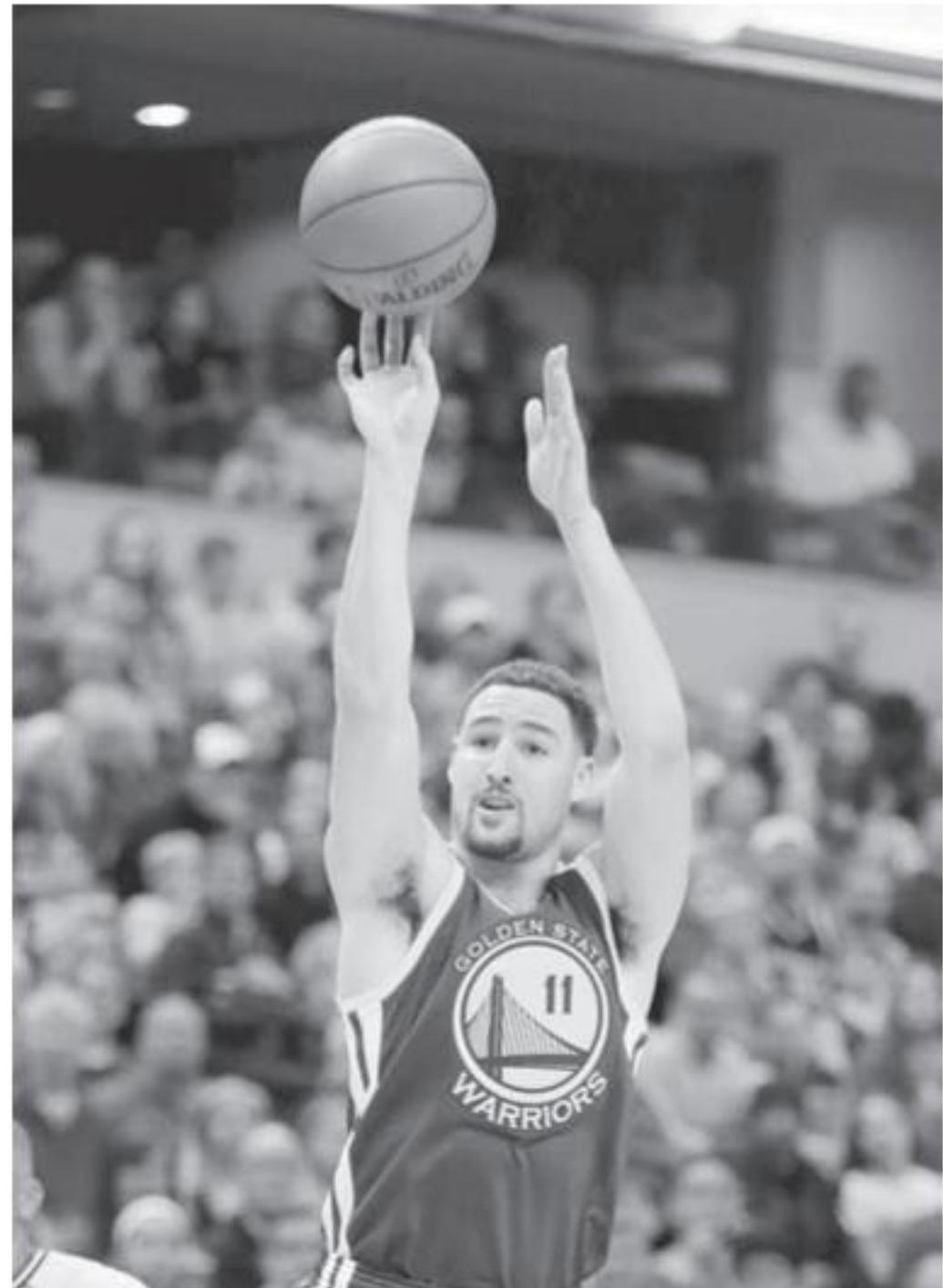
Karl-Anthony Towns had 27 points and 18 rebounds for the Timberwolves. Gorgui Dieng added 20 points and 10 rebounds, but Andrew Wiggins was just 5 for 18 and Minnesota scored three points in the first 9 minutes of the fourth.

Terry Rozier added 12 points off the bench and keyed the Celtics' surge in the first 6 minutes of the fourth.

#### BUCKS 93, MAGIC 89

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Giannis Antetokounmpo had his first triple-double of the season to lead Milwaukee over Orlando.

The Bucks snapped a three-game losing streak as Antetokounmpo finished with



Golden State Warriors' Klay Thompson shoots during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Indiana Pacers, Monday, Nov. 21, 2016, in Indianapolis.

Associated Press

21 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. He made all nine free throws and added five steals and three blocks.

Jabari Parker had 22 points for the Bucks and made five 3-pointers — he began the night with a total of 10. Milwaukee beat Orlando at home for the eighth time in nine tries.

The Magic were led by Serge Ibaka's 21 points.

#### SPURS 96, MAVERICKS 91

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Kawhi Leonard had 24 points and nine rebounds, and San Antonio defeated Dallas for its sixth straight victory.

Dallas guard Seth Curry matched a career high with 23 points. Wesley Matthews and Harrison Barnes

each had 20 in the Mavericks' sixth consecutive loss.

With the Mavericks trailing 92-91, Barnes missed a fadeaway 17-footer with 15 seconds left that Manu Ginobili rebounded. Ginobili hit a pair of free throws, and Curry missed a 3-pointer with 6 seconds remaining.

San Antonio has won six straight against Dallas and 12 in a row at home.

Dallas (2-11) is off to its worst start since 1993-1994, when the Mavericks opened 1-23 in a 13-win season.

LaMarcus Aldridge and Tony Parker were in uniform but neither played as San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich opted to rest his veterans. □

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# Hair of the Dog

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

The Holidays are upon us and for many of us that means parties with lots of alcohol. Drinking alcohol in moderation can be fun and sociable, but, is alcohol healthy?

A Danish study found that "Wine drinkers had significantly lower mortality from both coronary heart disease and cancer than did non-wine drinkers." Beer and other alcohol drinkers enjoyed a smaller benefit.

This is good news for some; drinking with the doctor's permission! But wait; if you are not a drinker or suffer from liver disease, gastritis, or high blood pressure, it's not a good idea to start drinking alcohol for the health benefits. However, if you enjoy an occasional drink and are otherwise healthy, go back and read the first paragraph. Drinking "in moderation" is the key. The benefits are only effective when keeping to the recommended levels. To work the right way, alcohol intake should be spread over the whole week and binge sessions, like at a party should be avoided.

According to the American Heart Association (AHA), moderate is defined as 2 drinks a day if you're a male 65 and younger, or 1 drink a day if you're a female or a male 66 and older. 1 drink means 12 oz of beer, 4 oz of wine, 1.5 oz of 80-proof hard liquor, or 1 oz of 100-proof liquor.

Unfortunately, for

many having a good time means doing everything to excess which includes overindulgence in alcohol consumption and the ensuing effect of a hangover. A hangover is the result of a combination of alcohol toxicity, dehydration, and Vitamin A, B and C depletion all caused by alcohol metabolism on your system. The symptoms are usually a dry mouth, nausea, fatigue; dizziness and headache.

Over the years there have been many folk remedies for hangovers. Some of these "cures" come with the toast "The hair of the dog that bit me"! The homeopathic principle of "like cures like" advice given literally in ancient times, "If a dog bites you, put a hair of the dog into the wound" this was distorted to imply that drinking more alcohol would help your hangover.

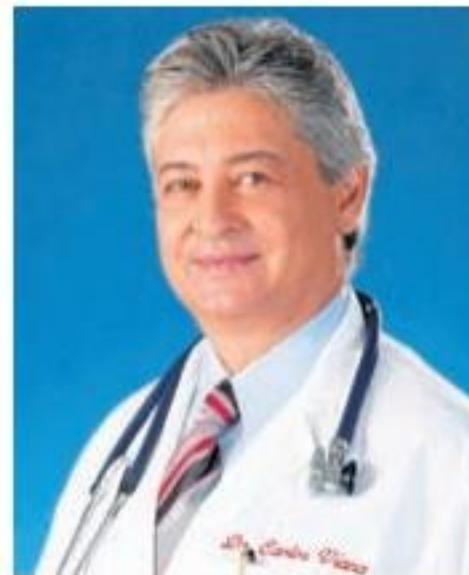
Apart from the obvious effects, during a hangover you are suffering the effects of a mild overdose of a depressant drug, your nerves are reacting and you have also flushed vitamins and nutrients from your system causing a shock that your body is struggling to fix. This is why hangover symptoms often include disorientation and "the jitters".

Alcohol enters cells and is broken down into a toxin. Your liver converts this toxin into ammonia and acetic acid, which is non-toxic and can be used by your body for energy. By

the way, the other name for acetic acid is vinegar! In a hangover ammonia is metabolized in the brain which has only a limited capacity to remove the excess ammonia coming in.

For those of you really partying to overload who include cocaine the news gets worse. Alcohol and cocaine form a product in your body called cocaethylene. Abusers know that higher alcohol concentrations lead to higher blood cocaine levels. However, high levels of alcohol slow down cocaine metabolism. This slow down may explain why users feel an enhanced euphoria when using the drugs in combination. Regrettably, the risk a sudden death from a heart attack is greatly increased.

So what is a partygoer to do? The best advice is to drink alcohol IN MODERATION avoiding binge drinking, and take red wine in preference to other alcoholic drinks. It's not necessary to have an alcoholic beverage in hand during an entire party. We enjoy sparkling water with a lime between glasses of red wine when socializing. Always eat something either before or while you are drinking. If you have drunk large quantities of alcohol, drink plenty of water afterwards. This will counteract dehydration. Rather than drink coffee the morning after a drinking session, a breakfast consisting of complex carbohydrates, a whole



grain cereal right for your metabolic type, a glass of fresh fruit juice and a cup of green tea should bring your blood sugar level up to an acceptable level and help to rehydrate your body.

What not to do! Do not drink alcohol to try to neutralize your hangover. Bloody Mary's only make you progressively more useless as you drink more of them and slow down the healing process of your body. Do not waste your time with aspirin that will destroy your liver if combined with alcohol. Aspirin can cause sudden death at any time. So prevalent is death by aspirin that in the US that many aspirin induced deaths are listed on "cause" as "natural". Alcohol damages the liver; and aspirin damages the liver; but if you mix the two, the damage is much worse.

The most important natural supplement for a hangover is mineral water that helps rehydrate your body. Natural supplements that help neutralize alcohol byproducts and protect cells against the damaging effects of alcohol include vitamin C, B Complex, folic Acid, the amino acids SAMe and glutathione, vi-

tamin E, and selenium. We like to take extra vitamin C & B complex with a liter/ qt of water before an evening of festivities. If more help is needed, we provide colon-hydro therapy in our clinic which can help flush out toxins and re-hydrate the body quickly.

Get The Point! The Holidays should be spent reconnecting with family and friends in a festive exchange. In ancient times, putting "the hair of the dog that bit you into the wound" did not help prevent infection. Nothing is said about the dog biting you twice as you try to get some of its hair; which is what will happen if you try to cure your hangover with more alcohol. If the festivities have come back to bite you, or you are just looking for healthy ways to celebrate, we are open throughout the season to help you. Salud, Santé, Cheers, To Your Health!

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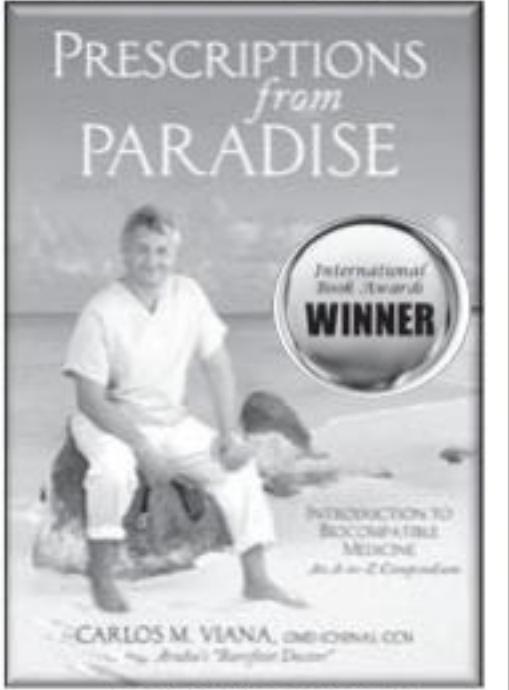
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## 6 virtual reality experiences that don't cost too much

**The Associated Press**

Virtual reality, what's up with that? If you are curious about this highly buzzed high-tech form of entertainment but don't feel like plunking down \$1,000 or more on sophisticated hardware, just visit one of a slew of amusement-park-type rides popping up around the world.

These experiences let you shoot aliens while riding a real-life roller coaster, cook a meal with a Japanese heartthrob or cozy up to players and cheerleaders at a baseball game.

### ROLLING WITH VR

At Six Flags theme parks in the U.S., the price of regular admission — roughly \$50 — gives you access to a roller coaster redone with virtual reality overlaid on top.

At Magic Mountain near Los Angeles, that means strapping on a Samsung Gear VR headset to battle virtual alien invaders while in real life you're hurtling around a 40-year-old track of twisted steel. You don't steer or aim really, but you can look around the world as your ship blasts aliens in foreign spaceships. It's a mind-blowing experience that combines a fictional futuristic setting with actual sensations you can get only from having your body tossed around. Check it out: <https://youtu.be/d-uKEC1JWDk>.

Pro tip: Go around twice, once with the headset on and once without, and decide for yourself which scares you more.

— Ryan Nakashima, AP Business Writer, Santa Clarita, California.

### VIRTUAL HEARTTHROB

Fans of Japanese heartthrob actor Kento Yamazaki have to pinch themselves to keep from kissing him when he leans in with lazy



The Ferrito family dons headgear and other items in preparation to enter a virtual reality experience called "Ghostbusters: Dimension" at Madame Tussauds in New York, Aug. 4, 2016.

**Associated Press**

machismo at a virtual-reality event in Tokyo.

In one restaurant scene presented by Fuji TV on Sony's PlayStation VR headgear, you've just cooked a pasta dish. Yamazaki, a squeeze from the hit TV show "When There is Someone You Love," condescendingly but lovingly tells you it could use a squeeze of lemon.

— Yuri Kageyama, AP Business Writer, Tokyo

### WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL?

Madame Tussaud's Ghostbusters.

Experience what it's like to be a Ghostbuster who zaps ghosts.

A \$55 ticket gives museum goers entry to the 15-minute VR experience, too (normal admission is about \$30). Strap on a "proton pack" — a cleverly hidden VR computer — like Ghostbusters wear in the eponymous movies. Then grab a particle thrower, wear a VR headset and start blasting ghosts.

Up to three people can go

through the experience together. Through the headset, your friends become (white, male) avatars of Ghostbusters. A dingy New York apartment is soon teeming with ghosts. Firing your particle thrower wraps a stream of protons around them, just like in the movie. After entering a dim elevator, Slimer rushes toward you, and before you know it, you've been slimed.

And as you and your teammates vanquish the Stay Puft marshmallow man, the smell of burnt marshmallow hangs in the air.

— Mae Anderson, AP Technology Writer, New York

### PLAY BALL

With 10 VR cameras near first and third bases, fans of the KT Wiz baseball team can get up close to the players and cheerleaders. The technology isn't perfect. The camera placements don't make you feel as though you're on the mound, while fuzzy resolution masks which way the ball is headed and makes the scoreboard difficult to

see. "It was good to see the players close," said Choi Eun-young, 40, clad in a Wiz uniform and black wizard hat. "But baseball games are the best when you come in person."

It's worth a try, though, if you want to experience South Korean baseball's festive culture and see the live K-pop dance up-close. Baseball in Korea is the equivalent of a live outdoor concert; cheerleaders perform to K-pop songs on stage, and the rest of the stadium becomes a giant picnic with family and friends.

There's no charge beyond the regular admission to the game, which starts at 10,000 won (about \$8.50). But the experience is by invitation only and is meant for local, Korean-speaking fans. KT Corp., which owns the team, selects four or five families based on their messages about why they want a seat there.

Though the baseball season is over, KT says VR will likely return next year.

— Youkyung Lee, AP Tech-

nology Writer, Suwon, South Korea

### NOT IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF HEIGHTS ...

You can display your virtual courage in Tokyo by rescuing a mewling cat perched on a wooden plank that balances from the edge of a skyscraper. Walking out on the plank includes one heart-stopping moment where the wood appears to bend slightly beneath your feet with the virtual sky stretching in all directions. Some participants were so freaked out they got on their hands and knees — for real — to keep going.

Each experience in VR Zone: Project I Can cost 700 yen (about \$6.30) to 1,000 yen (\$9). This one's over, but expect more like it to come.

— Yuri Kageyama, AP Business Writer, Tokyo

### TAKING A DIVE

At London's Natural History Museum, visitors can travel beneath the waves and explore the breathtaking Great Barrier Reef through virtual reality.

The museum's reef dive VR experience sits headset wearers next to British nature broadcaster Sir David Attenborough in a state-of-the-art submersible as it slowly descends to the ocean floor off the coast of Australia. "We see this as a real opportunity to show specimens in a new way, and we don't see it as replacing the amazing immersive experience you have when you come," says Celena Bretton, the museum's digital media strategy manager.

The 15-minute David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef Dive experience costs 6.50 British pounds (\$8). — James Brooks, AP Writer, London □

## Volkswagen bets on new technology to bounce back from crisis



The head of Volkswagen core brand Herbert Diess is pictured after a news conference at the Volkswagen headquarters in Wolfsburg, northern Germany, Tuesday Nov. 22, 2016. Volkswagen division head Herbert Diess said that the goal is "to fundamentally change Volkswagen" as it bounces back from a scandal over cars rigged to cheat on diesel emissions tests. The plan foresees new investments in electric-car technology and in software that would enable new ways of using and sharing cars over the longer term.

(Philipp von Dittfurth/dpa via AP)

DAVID McHUGH  
AP Business Writer

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)  
— Volkswagen's namesake

brand hopes to bounce back from its diesel emissions scandal with a broad restructuring that will mean

more battery-powered cars, digital services such as ride-sharing, and more SUVs for the U.S. market.

Herbert Diess, the head of the Volkswagen division, unveiled the company's Transform 2025 plan at a news conference Tuesday, saying that "in the coming years, we will fundamentally change Volkswagen. Only a few things will remain as they are."

The plan foresees a major shift in focus toward investments in electric-car technology and in software to enable new ways of using and sharing cars. The Volkswagen division alone expects to sell a million electric vehicles a year by 2025. Including the company's other brands, such as SEAT and Skoda, the Volkswagen Group expects to sell up to 3 million electrics by then.

Diess said the company would also "massively step up" its capacity to develop software, aiming to create industry-leading programs and hardware systems for digitally connected and autonomous cars by 2025. Another element of the plan is increasing sales in the U.S. by introducing products that are more appropriate for the market.

such as more SUVs and larger cars. This year, Volkswagen-badged cars have only 1.8 percent of the U.S. market through October, badly lagging competitors such as General Motors, Ford, Fiat Chrysler and Toyota.

Diess also said the company would start making electric vehicles in the U.S. by 2021. Currently Volkswagen makes Passat sedans at its plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

"For years, a concept for success in the U.S. has been lacking," Diess said at the company headquarters in Wolfsburg, Germany. "Sometimes we have not been on the bandwagon with new market trends."

He said regional managers would get "more local responsibility" to make decisions and meet local conditions.

The plan for the Volkswagen brand follows Friday's announcement that the division would eliminate 30,000 jobs, of which 23,000 in Germany, and create 9,000 new positions focused on new technologies. □



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## Medtronic 2Q profit surges higher but revenue misses expectations

NEW YORK (AP) — Medtronic PLC's fiscal second-quarter profit more than doubled on higher sales of its heart and surgical devices. But revenue fell short of Wall Street expectations, helping to drag shares lower. The Dublin-based company's stock fell more than 10 percent in midday trading Tuesday.

The medical device company earned \$1.12 billion, or 80 cents per share. Earnings, adjusted for amortization costs and restructuring costs, came to \$1.12 per share. The results topped Wall Street expectations.

The average estimate of 18 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for earnings of \$1.11 per share.

Revenue rose 4 percent to \$7.35 billion in the period, which missed Street forecasts. Seventeen analysts

surveyed by Zacks expected \$7.46 billion.

The revenue boost came from a broad range of divisions. Revenue from the cardiac and vascular unit, which includes implantable heart devices and valves, rose 4 percent to \$2.58 billion. Revenue from minimally invasive therapies, which includes patient monitoring and surgical devices, rose 5 percent to \$2.47 billion. The company's restorative therapies unit saw revenue rise 4 percent to \$1.83 billion, while the diabetes care unit saw revenue rise 3 percent to \$462 million.

Medtronic expects full-year earnings in the range of \$4.55 to \$4.60 per share. Medtronic shares fell \$8.26, or 10.2 percent, to \$72.32 in midday trading Tuesday. Its shares have fallen almost 5 percent in the last 12 months. □

# Dow surpasses 19,000 as record-setting drive continues

Continued from Front

Dollar Tree raised its profit and sales forecasts after the chain reported solid results in the third quarter. Burlington Stores also raised its outlook after it posted a larger profit than analysts expected. Dollar Tree jumped \$6.69, or 8.2 percent, to \$88.68 and Burlington Stores added \$11.86, or 16 percent, to \$86.04.

Other retailers like Home Depot, TJX and Signet Jewelers also rose as consumer stocks reached all-time highs. Perkins, of Retail Metrics, said chains like Dollar Tree were able to win over new customers after the Great Recession, and low-cost clothing companies like TJX, the parent of TJ Maxx, have also performed well since that time.

Health care stocks, which are still trading lower than they were at the start of this year, took hefty losses after weak results from Medtronic, one of the world's largest medical device companies.

Matt Miksic, a medical device analyst for UBS, said some investors worried that Medtronic's results mean a lot of drug and medical device companies will face slower growth. Miksic said Medtronic reported weak sales "across pretty much every one of their categories in the U.S."

The company also cut its profit guidance. It sank



A board above the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange shows the Dow Jones industrial average above 19,000, Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016. The Dow Jones industrial average surpassed 19,000 for the first time Tuesday as a post-election rally drove indexes further into record territory.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

\$6.98, or 8.7 percent, to \$73.60. Health care products giant Johnson & Johnson slid \$2.26, or 2 percent, to \$112.74 and Abbott Laboratories, which makes infant formula, drugs and medical devices, gave up \$1.66, or 4.2 percent, to \$38.10.

Medical supplier Patterson Cos. plunged, touching a three-year low, after it said its dental business struggled in the second quarter and its animal health business was hurt by weak prices for brand-name drugs. Patterson cuts its profit forecast and its shares dropped \$7.95, or 16.7 percent, to \$39.56.

Campbell Soup's profit in its fiscal first quarter was better than expected thanks to lower expenses and better sales of snacks like Pepperidge Farm. Hormel, the maker of Spam, reported better results from its refrigerated foods business and its Jennie-O turkey unit. Hormel also gave solid guidance for the current fiscal year. Campbell Soup gained \$1.98, or 3.6 percent, to \$57.02 and Hormel rose 92 cents, or 2.6 percent, to \$35.86. Dr. Pepper Snapple Group said it will buy fruit drink maker Bai Brands for \$1.7 billion. Bai Brands markets its drinks as having fewer

calories than other brands and doesn't use artificial sweeteners. Dr. Pepper Snapple stock picked up \$2.25, or 2.6 percent, to \$87.50.

Industrial companies, in-

cluding makers of aircraft and engines and other equipment, continued to rise. Companies like Boeing, Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman were trading around record highs before the election and they have done better than the broader market since then. Boeing climbed \$2.50, or 1.7 percent, to \$149.52 Tuesday.

Oil prices wobbled and energy companies fell. Benchmark U.S. crude lost 21 cents to \$48.03 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, the international standard, rose 22 cents to \$49.12 a barrel in London. The price of oil rose about 4 percent Monday.

Investors continued to sell short-term bonds, which sent their prices lower. The yield on the two-year Treasury note rose to 1.09 percent, its highest in six years. Longer-term bond prices held steady.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note remained at 2.31 percent. □

## Campbell Soup 1Q profit tops Street view

**CAMDEN, N.J. (AP)** — Campbell Soup's first-quarter profit beat Wall Street's view, helped by reduced expenses and sharply lower restructuring charges.

Its shares rose more than 3 percent in midday trading. The maker of canned soup, Pepperidge Farm cookies and V8 juice earned \$292 million, or 94 cents per share, for the three months ended Oct. 30. A year earlier the Camden, New Jersey-based company earned \$194 million, or 62 cents per share.

Earnings, adjusted for one-time costs and restructur-

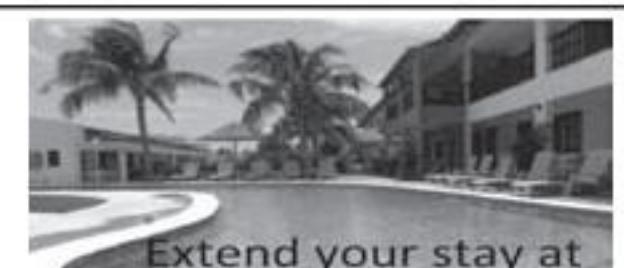
ing charges, came to \$1 per share. This topped the 95 cents per share that analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research expected.

Revenue was basically flat at \$2.2 billion. This met the expectations of analysts polled by Zacks.

Sales for the global biscuits and snacks unit edged up 1 percent mostly on gains in Pepperidge Farm. Sales for the Americas simple meals and beverages division were essentially flat, with gains in Plum products offset by lower sales of V8 beverages. U.S. soup sales

were basically flat, with gains in ready-to-serve soup and broth offset by modest declines in condensed soups.

Campbell Soup Co. maintained that its fiscal 2017 adjusted earnings per share will climb by 2 percent to 5 percent, or \$3 to \$3.09 per share. It still anticipates sales being flat to up 1 percent. Analysts polled by FactSet expect earnings of \$3.05 per share. Its shares rose \$1.94, or 3.5 percent, to \$56.98 in midday trading Tuesday. Its shares are up more than 16 percent over the past year. □



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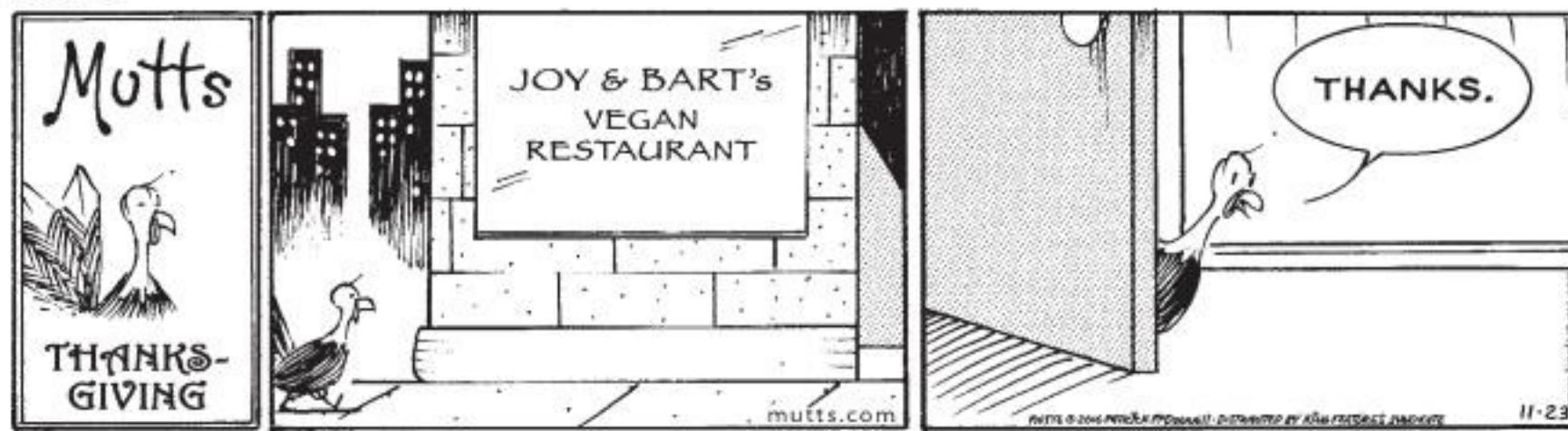
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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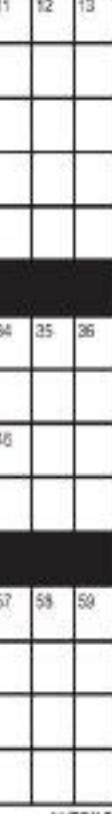
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## Baby Blues



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## American Living

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Much of the Mexican side of the border has been afflicted by drug cartel-related violence, but crime in the Rio Grande Valley, which is home to 1.3 million people, has been consistently lower than other Texas cities.

If lots of "bad hombres" are crossing the border, as Trump has claimed, they are mostly taking their law-breaking elsewhere. Further, there's no record of anyone sneaking across the border to commit acts of terrorism.

The Border Patrol's buildup after 9/11 is one reason, argues David Aguilar, who was named to the agency's top job in 2004 by a fellow Texan, then-President George W. Bush, and is now a private consultant. Since then, the number of agents has climbed from 9,500 on the southwest border to 17,500 in 2015.

Meanwhile, the number of apprehensions along the border is down from a peak of 1.6 million in 2000 — when Aguilar said at least as many got away — to 409,000 in the year ended in September. Nearly half were caught in the Rio Grande Valley.

Many analysts believe the Great Recession was a bigger factor than Border Patrol enforcement in making the U.S. less attractive to

Mexican migrants in particular.

Since tower-mounted video surveillance cameras began going up in 1999 in the Brownsville area, illegal cross-border traffic in the area "dried up by 85 to 90 percent," said Johnny Meadors, the sector's assistant chief for technology. He said the traffic moved west, where there were no cameras. Seventy-two more of the towers, which are 80 to 120 feet tall, are to be installed in the valley by 2021, and could include motion sensors and laser pointers, Meadors said. Since 2013, the Border Patrol has also had five blimp-like aerostats that float from 1,000 to 5,000 feet above the valley on tethers. High-flying Predator drones have patrolled vast areas of southwest borderlands since 2011. The agency also has underground sensors along the border. How many, Meadors wouldn't say. All the gadgetry has been a bonanza for defense contractors. The government spent \$450 million last fiscal year on border security fencing, infrastructure and technology.

"If you had a sensible immigration policy, there would be no need for all this," said Garrett, the political scientist. What Trump's policy will be remains a mystery.

During the campaign, he said he would deport all the estimated 11 million immigrants living illegally in the United States. □

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## Get used to heat records; study predicts far more in future

SETH BORENSTEIN  
AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The United States is already setting twice as many daily heat records as cold records, but a new study predicts that will get a lot more lopsided as man-made climate change worsens. Under normal conditions, without extra heat-trapping gases from human activity, the nation should set about the same number of hot and cold records over the course of several years. But that's not happening and it's steadily getting worse, scientists said.

If and when the nation warms another 4.5 degrees (2.5 degrees Celsius), expect there to be around 15 heat records for every cold one, the new study in Monday's Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences predicts. That warming can be as early as 50 years from now if greenhouse gas emissions — from the burning of coal, oil and gas — continue at their recent pace or a century away if carbon pollution slows down, said study



In this photo taken Dec. 24, 2015, a youngster runs along a concrete bench across from the New York Stock Exchange on Christmas Eve, in New York, where warm and balmy temperatures shattered records.

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lead author Gerald Meehl, senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

"This climate is on a trajec-

tory that goes somewhere we've never been. And records are a very easy measure of that," said study co-author Claudia Tebaldi, who's also at the atmospheric center in Boulder, Colorado.

They used records from the nation's weather stations for their statistical calculations.

After an earlier study in 2009, Meehl and Tebaldi looked further in the past and into the future.

In the Dust Bowl hot 1930s,

there were 1.1 hot records for every cold.

After a couple decades of more cold records and an even one-to-one ratio in the 1980s, the number of high heat marks left cold in the dust.

So far in the 2010s there have been 2.2 hot records for every cold, including six hot records for every cold this year, Meehl said.

Looking at records is important because people don't feel shifts in average temperature, but they do

notice shifts in extremes like this, Meehl said.

"These results are not surprising," University of Georgia meteorology professor Marshall Shepherd said in an email.

"And it further points to the notion that 'extremes' not averages get our attention. In life we get alarmed when we have a fever, not when our temperature is near the 98.6 average.

We are setting Earth on course for high fever events to be quite common." □

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## Shirley MacLaine is angelic in 'Heavenly' Hallmark TV movie

LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Shirley MacLaine is direct, funny and down-to-earth no matter how high-flying the topic may be, including the guardian angels and aliens she accepts as givens.

In a recent interview, there's also no hint of the diva she easily could be, given her stardom of six decades and counting; five lead-actress Academy Award nominations; and an Oscar for what she cites as her favorite role, Aurora, in 1983's "Terms of Endearment."

She long ago traded the big city for New Mexico, but never abandoned acting. MacLaine plays an angel in "A Heavenly Christmas," a Hallmark Hall of Fame TV movie airing at 8 p.m. EST Saturday on the Hallmark Channel.

In a big-screen film set for release next spring, "The Last Word" with Amanda Seyfried, she plays a strong-willed woman intent on crafting her own obituary.

That's a "mentoring angel" in the Hallmark project, MacLaine emphasizes, explaining that her character has much to share with a young workaholic (Kristin Davis) who's lost her way. Eric McCormack co-stars.

In a phone interview with The Associated Press, MacLaine, 82, said she's healthy, active and a devoted traveler.

She shared her views on spirituality, ranch life and, only indirectly, presidential politics.

AP: You believe in angels? MacLaine: Of course I do. Are you kidding? I believe in UFOs, I believe in extraterrestrials, and I believe in angels. And maybe they'll protect all of us.

AP: What have angels done for you?

MacLaine: We don't have time. I lost my dog of 17 years, Terry, and right now she's a little angel who's delivering nice things. ... It is incredible, when you start believing in angels your life becomes a lot smoother.

AP: Do you follow any organized religion?

MacLaine: No, just tolerance, organized tolerance. Organized patience, which I'm not too good at. Organized understanding of differences, which is really giving me problems now. Organized sense of humor.

AP: You've done TV but never a Hallmark movie. Why this one?

MacLaine: I just loved the idea. I thought playing an angel would be very good for my image. And they paid me a lot of celestial money, so what the hell. (Laughs.)

AP: Does your image need angelic burnishing?

MacLaine: Sometimes it does. I'm too direct and too unsparingly impatient. Usually I'm right, by the way — so never mind all the other.

AP: How do you spend your time in New Mexico?

MacLaine: I'm very involved with learning to be self-sufficient. I'm a city girl and I never really lived in the country, so I'm learning about that. I have a ranch

here, at Abiquiu, where Georgia O'Keeffe used to paint, and I had to build it up to be self-sufficient because it's really off the grid.

AP: Do you have other animals?

MacLaine: Altogether about six dogs. And then I've got bear and elk and coyotes in my front yard. It's living with nature.

AP: And people company?

MacLaine: I have a great life, to tell you the truth. I have a lot of friends who come and stay, and we talk about the world. And

of course I travel, (most recently) to Virginia, where I was honored at the University of Virginia and did two and a-half hours onstage answering questions from students. ... That was really fun.

AP: How does spirituality fit into the world now?

MacLaine: I think materialism has trumped a lot of stuff, but I don't think it has trumped the heart, especially when it comes to (a person's) last thought. It's not going to be about money.

It's going to be about who am I, what have I done and where am I going.

And of course that gets us into reincarnation, it gets us to are we alone in the universe. ... All of that stuff, which is infinitely interesting to me.

AP: You have no doubt when this life ends you will return?

MacLaine: I'm not sure I'll come back to this planet. I may come back to another one. (Laughs.)



In this image released by the Hallmark Channel, actress Shirley MacLaine plays an angel in "A Heavenly Christmas," a Hallmark Hall of Fame TV movie airing 8 p.m. EST Saturday on the Hallmark Channel.

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In this image released by Roadside Attractions, Casey Affleck, left, and Lucas Hedges appear in a scene from "Manchester By the Sea." The film was nominated for a Film Independent Spirit Award for best feature on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016.

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## American Honey,' 'Moonlight' lead Indie Spirit Award nods

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AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Two distinctly American odysseys, Andrea Arnold's teens-on-the-road film "American Honey" and Barry Jenkins' coming-of-age tale "Moonlight" led the Film Independent Spirit Awards nominations Tuesday with six nods each, including best feature and best director. Other best-feature candidates are "Manchester by the Sea," "Jackie" and "Chronic." Jenny Slate and Edgar Ramirez announced the nominees at an event in Hollywood.

Nominations for "American Honey" also include best female lead for newcomer Sasha Lane and best supporting male for Shia LaBeouf. "Moonlight," which captured the Robert Altman Award for its ensemble cast, is being recognized for cinematography, editing and screenplay.

Oscar hopefuls are sprinkled throughout each category of the awards rec-

ognizing achievements in independent film, and occasionally the two sync up with their winners. Last year's best independent feature winner "Spotlight" went on to pick up the top prize at the Academy Awards, as did best actress Brie Larson for "Room."

Both "Moonlight" and "Manchester by the Sea," Kenneth Lonergan's New England-set familial drama, are considered top contenders for Oscars. "Manchester by the Sea's" five nominations include best actor for Casey Affleck and best supporting actor for Lucas Hedges.

The best actress category also is filled with presumed Oscar darlings such as Annette Bening for "20th Century Women," Isabelle Huppert for "Elle," Ruth Negga for "Loving" and Natalie Portman for "Jackie."

The Independent Spirit Awards also shines a spotlight on comparatively under-the-radar films, including "The Fits," from first-time director Anna Rose Holmer, Robert Eggers' "The Witch,"

Chris Kelly's "Other People" and Andrew Ahn's "Spa Night."

This year's 382 film submissions were judged on such guidelines as uniqueness of vision, originality of subject matter, economy of means and percentage of financing from independent sources.

Some films with an indie edge, like the much-lauded Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone musical "La La Land" from director Damien Chazelle, were not eligible due to production budgets north of \$30 million. Tom Ford's "Nocturnal Animals" and Denzel Washington's "Fences" also were not eligible.

Nominations are chosen by members of Film Independent, which includes critics, filmmakers, actors, festival programmers, past winners and nominees, and members of its board of directors. Winners will be revealed at a Feb. 25 ceremony, airing live on IFC from Santa Monica. The Academy Awards are presented the next day. □

## CNN and Jake Tapper apologize for 'unacceptable' banner text



In this May 18, 2016 file photo, CNN news anchor Jake Tapper attends the Turner Network 2016 Upfronts in New York.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — CNN and host Jake Tapper have both apologized for an on-screen banner that Tapper said was "unacceptable" and "horrified" him when it

appeared during his show on Monday.

The vacationing Tapper quickly responded to outraged viewer comments with several Twitter posts

explaining that, despite his absence, he was "furious" and his "staff has heard from me."

The offending phrase appeared during a discussion among Jim Sciutto, subbing for Tapper on "The Lead," and two journalists about President-elect Donald Trump's support from the alt-right. The segment focused on white nationalist leader Richard Spencer, whose anti-Semitic declarations Sciutto characterized as "hate-filled garbage."

The on-screen phrase during the segment stated, "Alt-Right Founder Questions if Jews are People."

CNN issued a statement calling that caption "poor judgment and we very much regret it and apologize." □

## At UMass and beyond, hip-hop draws growing academic interest

**COLLIN BINKLEY**  
Associated Press

**BOSTON (AP)**—The forgotten music of Boston's early hip-hop and rap scene is being revived by two unlikely heroes: a local college and the public library. Researchers at the University of Massachusetts Boston have been working with the Boston Public Library to compile an online archive of demo tapes by the city's top hip-hop and rap artists of the 1980s. Opening to the public on Saturday, the Massachusetts Hip-Hop Archive was created in part to reclaim the city's role in the genres' history.

"It's been an untold story," said Pacey Foster, a rap historian and professor at UMass. "Boston is not a city that has had its rightful place in the early stories of hip-hop history."

The archive aims to connect new audiences to early rap artists such as the Almighty RSO, Guru, and others who have faded from memory even in Boston.

But the project is also intended to spark academic interest in the city's rap and hip-hop roots. Like a growing number of U.S. colleges, UMass is encouraging students to approach hip-hop as a scholarly subject. Several students have already started research tied to the archive, and the university launched a new course on hip-hop in 2014.

It joins dozens of other schools nationwide that have added classes on hip-hop in recent years, analyzing its value to fields from sociology to women's studies.

At Bowie State University, a historically black college in Maryland, students can earn a minor in hip-hop studies. The University of Arizona says it offered the

nation's first hip-hop minor in 2012.

A year later, the rapper Nasir Jones — known as Nas — established a fellowship at Harvard University for scholars of hip-hop. "There are so many dimensions to the culture," said Murray Forman, a media studies professor at Northeastern University. "It's really rich for analysis in all kinds of contexts."

Some scholars still question whether hip-hop has a place in academia, but its acceptance is growing, said Forman, who was a Nasir Jones fellow last year. University presses have published dozens of textbooks on rap and hip-hop's political and cultural importance.

Scores of graduate students have taken on similar topics for their dissertations.

For archivists in particular, there has been a surge of interest in preserving the artifacts of hip-hop, especially from its early days in the 1970s and 1980s, Forman said.

"A lot of the early materials are at risk of disappearing," he said. "People don't want to be carrying around all the ephemera, the concert fliers and promotional materials."

Other schools with major hip-hop archives include Harvard and Cornell University. Four historically black colleges in Atlanta house the notebooks and letters of rap icon Tupac Shakur.

The new archive at UMass features almost 300 demo tapes, along with audio from a local radio show whose host was credited with discovering many of Boston's biggest acts. Most of the artists aren't household names, but Foster said their work captures the youthful spirit of a time when artists were seeking a new sound.

"It will have natural interest for academics," Foster said.

"This collection is a very complete look at a scene that nobody has heard about, at a moment when rap was just exploding." □



Pacey Foster, a rap historian and professor at UMass, holds up a recording of the musical group COD as he poses with a collection of hip-hop cassette tapes from the 1980's at the Boston campus of the University of Massachusetts in Boston, Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016.

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## Network confirms Kanye West is hospitalized in Los Angeles

**ANDREW DALTON**

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Kanye West has been hospitalized in Los Angeles after abruptly canceling the last 21 dates of his national tour. A spokeswoman for the E! network, which airs the Kardashian family reality show and its spinoffs, confirmed that West was hospitalized Monday afternoon after his personal doctor called 911. Christel Wheeler said Tuesday that E! cameras were not filming when the 911 call was made and that they are not filming at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, where West is being treated.

A spokeswoman for West's wife, Kim Kardashian, had no comment Tuesday.

Los Angeles police told The Associated Press on Monday that they responded to a home in West Hollywood, California, and a person there was taken by



In this Aug. 28, 2016, file photo, Kanye West appears at the MTV Video Music Awards at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Associated Press

ambulance to the hospital and placed on a psychiatric hold. Police did not identify the patient as West.

Wheeler said West was at the home of his personal trainer when the emergency call was made.

Kardashian had been expected to make her first public appearance Monday night since she was tied up and robbed at gun-

point last month in Paris. It was to come at the Angel Ball, a charity event in New York honoring her late father, Robert Kardashian.

But amid the reports about West, she did not show up. Her mother, Kris Jenner, and sisters Khloe and Kourtney Kardashian were on hand.

Concert promoter Live Nation said tickets would be fully refunded. □



## Tomatillo salsa offers fresh approach to poaching salmon



This Nov. 9, 2015, photo, shows salmon poached in green salsa and topped with baked chips in Concord, N.H. This dish is from a recipe by Sara Moulton.

Associated Press

### SARA MOULTON

Associated Press

The French love to cook fish by poaching it in a flavored liquid, usually a combination of white wine and water, leeks or onions, and some herbs. It's a notably lean way to roll because there's no fat involved. And the finished product is reliably tender because it's been cooked at a low temperature.

So, it's lean, tender and ... quite boring. I crave more flavor and texture. So here's a recipe for poached salmon that adds the missing elements.

Typically, poaching calls for a lot of liquid. The fish is supposed to be submerged as it cooks, after which the liquid usually is tossed. I wanted a way to poach the fish in a small amount of liquid, which then could do double duty as a sauce. Given that fish generally requires a spritz of acid to brighten it up, the ideal liquid needed to be acidic and intensely flavored. Green salsa — that is, tomatillo salsa with chilies and lime juice — struck me as a likely candidate.

The salmon wouldn't have

to swim in a vat of the salsa. I made a modest batch and cooked the salmon in a smallish skillet with the salsa rising halfway up the sides of the fillets. I covered the pan tightly to trap the heat and flipped over the salmon halfway through its cooking time to make sure it cooked evenly.

How do you know when the salmon is finished cooking? If you slide a knife into it and the blade sails through the fillet with no resistance, it's done. And be sure to pull it off the heat when there's still a tiny bit of resistance left, which will allow for carry-over cooking time.

For crunch, I sprinkled tortilla chips on top; they are salsa's classic partner. But these were my own healthy baked tortilla chips, which take only 15 minutes to prepare.

On the whole, this recipe is pretty quick and easy to make, but you can streamline it even further by picking up green salsa and baked tortilla chips at the supermarket.

By the way, there were leftovers the second time we tested this winner. When

we polished them off the next day, we discovered that this dish is just as delicious cold as hot.

#### SALMON POACHED IN GREEN SALSA AND TOPPED WITH BAKED CHIPS

Start to finish: 40 minutes

Servings: 4

For the tortilla strips:

2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 teaspoon chili powder  
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

Four 6-inch corn tortillas

Kosher salt

For the salmon:

8 ounces fresh tomatillos, husked, rinsed and quartered

1/2 cup coarsely chopped scallions (white and light green parts)  
1/3 cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro

1 tablespoon lime juice  
1/2 jalapeno or serrano chili, seeds removed if desired

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1/2 cup finely chopped red onion

Kosher salt and ground black pepper  
1 1/2 pounds center-cut

salmon fillet, cut into 4 equal portions

To make the tortilla strips, heat the oven to 400 F.

In a small bowl, stir together the oil, chili powder and cumin.

Brush the oil mixture over both sides of each tortilla. Using a knife or pizza wheel, cut the tortillas into thin strips.

Arrange the strips in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet.

Bake the strips on the oven's middle shelf for 6 to 8 minutes, or until crispy. Sprinkle with salt, let cool completely, then break them up slightly. Set aside.

To prepare the salsa, in a food processor, combine the tomatillos, scallions, cilantro, lime juice, chili and garlic.

Pulse until the ingredients are almost smooth with a few small chunks.

In a medium skillet over medium, heat the oil. Add the onion and cook, stirring, until softened, about 5 minutes.

Add the tomatillo mixture and simmer gently, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes. If the mixture gets too dry, add 1/2 cup of water.

Season with salt and pepper. Add the salmon to the skillet, skin sides down, then cover the skillet tightly and simmer gently for 5 minutes.

Turn the salmon over, cover tightly and simmer gently until the salmon is almost cooked through, about another 5 minutes.

Remove the pan from the heat and let the salmon stand for 3 minutes, covered, before serving.

To serve, transfer a portion of salmon to each of 4 plates, then top each with sauce and tortilla strips.

Nutrition information per serving: 470 calories; 240 calories from fat (51 percent of total calories); 27 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 110 mg cholesterol; 370 mg sodium; 18 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 40 g protein.

Sara Moulton is host of public television's "Sara's Weeknight Meals." She was executive chef at Gourmet magazine for nearly 25 years and spent a decade hosting several Food Network shows, including "Cooking Live."

Her latest cookbook is "Home Cooking 101." □